

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent, 10 March 2024

**Theme:** Divine Love

**Chant:** O Love Divine, speak through our mouth,  
act through our hands and feet, O Love Divine,  
think in our minds, Love in our hearts, O love Divine.

**Scripture:** For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ( Jn 3: 16)



**Reflection:** Today, let us take time to contemplate how much God loved the world by sending Jesus to bring us new life. Lent is a time to recall the story of that love and our response to it. This love isn't an abstract concept but a life-giving force that calls us to engage with the world in meaningful compassionate ways. Jesus is the sign of Father's unconditional love and he is love itself.

So often Euphrasie Barbier spoke to the sisters about the divine love. In the handwritten Constitutions 149 she writes, "remembering that in our relationships with God the measure of love is to love without measure, they will strive to have this divine flame grow within themselves by the most humble and most faithful correspondence to grace, in the double exercise of affective and effective love towards God, who has loved them so much and who asks only one thing of them: love... a love that gives all for the All and possesses all in the All."



Embracing the love expressed in John 3:16 challenges us to be active participants in the world's journey toward wholeness. We are not merely receivers of love but are summoned to be conduits through which love flows to mend the world's fractures. Love, in its ultimate form, is not a passive state of being but a continual act of will, a consistent choice to move toward reconciliation. As we believe in this incarnate love, we're empowered to bring life where there's decay, understanding where there's ignorance, and healing where there's brokenness. Through us, love continues its age-old work of making all things new..."(Wendell Berry [Citizenship Papers: Essays, 2004])

Let us be channels of Divine Love through our contemplation, communion and mission.

**Prayer:**

O God, you are the light and without you, all our ways are darkness. Heal our blindness and lead us to the light of your truth. Help us to overcome all that keeps us from following your commandments. During this season of Lent, may we grow in love for you and for one another.

**Chant** Rest in God's love, rest in God's love, rest in love.



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