



St Francis of Assisi Parish



## **EASTER TIME REFLECTION**

### **SING THE RESURRECTION SONG**

Psalm 96:1-2 invites us thus: Sing to the Lord a new song, Sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name. Tell his glory among nations.

We are all urged at this time of our life after Easter, to sing a new song as a new people who have learnt a new song. It is a song of Joy at Easter and a song of Love for the Lord. All those who have learnt to love a new life, have learnt to sing a new song and the new song reminds us of our new life. As St. Pope John Paul II said: We are Easter People and Alleluia is our Song. As new people we have a new song, a new covenant, a new way of life. In the new covenant and life we are not told just to love but to choose the object of our love. We cannot choose unless we are first chosen. We cannot love someone unless someone loves us first. St John the Apostle tells us that We love Him because He first loved us. John 4:10....Not that we loved God but that He loved us first and sent his Son for us. The source of our love of God can only be found in the fact He first loved us. God has given us Himself as the object of our love....is clearly indicated by St Paul, "The love of God has been poured into our hearts." So, Love is not something we generate ourselves. It comes to us through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Since we have such an assurance of love, let us love God with the love he has given us. St John says: "God is love. Whoever dwells in love, dwells in God and God in him."

Love is from God and which of us would dare to pronounce the words of the Scripture God is Love? He alone could say it who knew what it was to have God dwelling within him, St Augustine challenges. God offers us a short route to the possession of Himself. He cries out: Love me and you will have me and you would be unable to love me if you did not possess me already. The fruit of true faith and the holy seed of heaven, all you have, been born again in Christ and whose life is from above, listen to the Holy Spirit saying in Psalm 96, Sing to the Lord a new song. Yes I am singing, you are singing, all are singing loud and clear....Yet make sure that our love does not contradict the Words. We sing with our voices, our hearts, our lips, and above all by our lives, leading a new way of life.

If we desire to praise him with a new song then we must express it in our lives, live good lives and then we ourselves will be his praise. Let us sing the praises of the Lord, let us sing a new song to our God and so we must love one another as the Lord has loved us and commanded us: Love one another as I have loved you. That will be our new life and our new song.

(Based on St Augustine)

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