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Living Catholic in the 808: A Heart Full of HIS Love

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As we continue to celebrate the resurrection, today's scriptures lead us to realize that the living and risen presence of Christ brings us to the heart of how we are to proclaim that he lives; with a heart full of his love.

A heart full of his love is willing to undergo many hardships. Superficial love is sometimes sentimental, self-serving, and merely pleasurable. The love that Christ calls us to is deeply felt, selfless, and hurts when it is given. Only this sort of love allows us to enter the kingdom of God since it is only when we love in this way that God's truly reigns in our hearts.

A heart full of his love makes all things new. Sometimes we can be stuck in old patterns of relating to God and others that are not really loving. Sadness can set in as we seem to be repeating the same mistakes which keep us living with past hurts. The love that Christ calls us to is creative and renews us. It challenges us to risk new ways of relating. Only this sort of love can renew our spirits.

A heart full of his love glorifies God. Often, we like to be in the spotlight and receive all the glory. We enjoy being noticed and paid attention to. The love that Christ calls us to glorifies God. It acknowledges that God is love and that we can only hope to love because we have first been loved by God. Only this sort of love gives God and others the credit for the love that we are blessed with and able to share.

May our lives and hearts full of love proclaim that we are his disciples and that he lives and dwells with us. May we be citizens of the new Jerusalem.