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Wrapped in God's Love

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*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him." (John 6:56)*

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Cycle B
August 19, 2012**

God is love.
Go wrap yourself in the love of God.

Become a package of peace in the midst of turmoil and terrorism.
Untie the bow of self-surrender; open the box.
With hungry hands lift out the gift of love that lies within.

Wipe the tears of gratitude from your eyes;
Plant a kiss on both cheeks of your King; perform a rite of thankfulness.
God's Kingdom is among you.

The warmth of God's love-wrapped presence is within you.
Radiate from your heart this gift of love.
Present to all that the presence of the Kingdom is among you.

About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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For Reflection and Sharing:

1. How does God wrap us in love at the Eucharist?
2. How can we say we are God's love in all truthfulness and reality?
3. Why is self-surrender necessary to open *God's* gift to us?
4. What is *God's* Kingdom like?
5. What is the connection between peace, love, and thanksgiving?

Share your insights. No answers are right or wrong. Your insights may enable another to reflect on something they never thought about before. Could this be a way to show the presence of the Kingdom among us?

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dion August 16, 2012 at 8:44 am 

Dear Julie,
I love the "feel" of your prayer poem. It speaks of union, oneness but born of self-surrender. You capture so much in a few words. Thanks much.

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Valerie Pinney August 16, 2012 at 10:27 am 

The idea of being "wrapped" in God's love is so comforting. Thank you.

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Sr Juliemarie McDonald August 19, 2012 at 2:41 pm 

Dion, thank you. May you continue to surrender until you reach full union.
Juliemarie

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Sr Juliemarie McDonald August 19, 2012 at 2:42 pm



Val, best blanket I have ever had. Juliemarie

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christina October 2, 2012 at 9:45 pm



well worth the time it took to write! will be reading it again, i'm quite sure.
thank you.

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