

St John's, Ranmoor



**Sunday 7th February
All-age Worship**

**Do not worry...
for you are loved**

We gather

Hymn

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

Amazing love! ...

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love! ...



Charles Wesley (1738)

Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

This is the day that the Lord has made

We will rejoice and be glad in it

Loving God, we have come together to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
Through Christ our Lord.**

Amen

We say sorry

Jesus commanded us to love God and to love our neighbour.
But amidst our worries and busy lives it's easy to forget to do that.
Sometimes we ourselves fall out with people, and sometimes we ignore God in our lives.
Sometimes people are hurt and broken when love fades away.
As the music plays, place two halves of a torn heart in front of you
as a sign of your sadness for your own lack of love for others
and for the lack of love in our world.

I find your love in everything - Beth Nielsen Chapman

*I'll catch your smile on someone's face
Your whisper in the wind's embrace
Through diamond stars and songs and dreams
I find your love in everything*

*The sun, the sky, the rolling sea
All conspire to comfort me
From sorrow's edge life's beauty seems
To find your love in everything*

*I've come to trust the hope it brings
To find your love in everything
Even as I fall apart
Even through my shattered heart*

*I'll catch your smile on someone's face
.....amazing grace*

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive *us* our sins
and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood",
Love, only love, is his sign.

Richer than gold...

Love is his name, love is his law.

Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.

Richer than gold...

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.

Richer than gold...

Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)

Collect: the prayer for today

Almighty God,
You have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
Through Jesus Christ you Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns
supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
Amen

We listen

Reading

A reading from Matthew's gospel

[Jesus said:] 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'



'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Talk

We respond

Statement of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Prayers

Yellow - the colour of joy

Red - the colour of hurting

Green - the colour of life

White - the colour of eternity



Anthem Light of the World by John Dankworth

Light beyond shadow, joy beyond tears,
Love that is greater when darkest our fears;
Deeper the peace when the storm is around,
Dearer the Christ to the lost who is found.
Light of the world, Jesus shining!
Sins of the world, see Him dying!
In our darkness, He is light, in our crying, He is love,
In the noise of life imparting peace that passes understanding;
Light beyond shadow, joy beyond tears,
Love that is greater when darkest our fears;
Deeper the peace when the storm is around,
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The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
Now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Peace

God makes peace within us - let us claim it.
God makes peace between us - let us share it.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you

We go out

Hymn

To God be the glory, great things he hath done:
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord...

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord...

Blessing

May the love of God be in your heart,
May the love of God be in our world,
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be with you and all whom you love,
This day and always.
Amen

Dismissal

We go into the world
**To walk in God's light
To rejoice in God's love
And to reflect God's glory.**