

ST JOHNS CHURCH, RANMOOR



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

**All Age Holy Communion
with Blessing of Backpacks**

6th September 2026

Call to worship

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.

And God called them good.

Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.

Leader: The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple,

and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me... Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

Hymn HON 105 Dance and sing all the earth

Shooting star and sunset shape
the drama of creation;
lightning flash and moonbeam share
a common derivation.

Deserts stretch and torrents roar
in contrast and confusion;
treetops shake and mountains soar
and nothing is illusion.

All that flies and swims and crawls
displays an animation;
none can emulate or change
for each has its own station.

Brother man and sister woman,
born of dust and passion,
praise the one who calls you friends
and makes you in his fashion.

Kiss of life and touch of death
suggest our imperfection:
crib and womb and cross and tomb
cry out for resurrection.

Thanksgiving for the Waters

Lament – we say sorry to God

Sometimes we waste and pollute the water that you give us.

Ashamnu (*we have all been guilty in Hebrew*)

In some places the world floods while in others there is drought.

Ashamnu

We have not cared for the precious water that you give us.

Ashamnu

Absolution – God forgives us

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest
And peace to His people on earth**

Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father
We worship You
We give You thanks
We praise You for Your glory

**Glory to God in the highest
And peace to His people on earth**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world
Lord, have mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Receive our prayer

**Glory to God in the highest
And peace to His people on earth**

For You alone are the Holy One
For You alone are the Lord
For You alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit
In the glory of God the Father
Amen, Amen

**Glory to God in the highest
And peace to His people on earth**

Reading: Revelation 22:1-7

at the end:

May the Word, as living water,
make everything live.

Hymn HON 202 Have you heard the raindrops

1. Have you heard the raindrops
drumming on the roof tops?
Have you heard the raindrops
dripping on the ground?
Have you heard the raindrops
splashing in the streams
and running to the rivers all around?

*There's water, water of life,
Jesus gives us the water of life;
There's water, water of life,
Jesus gives us the water of life .*

2. There's a busy worker
digging in the desert,
Digging with a spade
that flashes in the sun;
Soon there will be water
rising in the wellshaft,
spilling from the bucket as it comes.

There's water ...

3 Nobody can live
who hasn't any water,
When the land is dry
then nothing much grows;
Jesus gives us life
if we drink the living water,
sing it so that everybody knows.

There's water ...

Gospel: John 7:37-39

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Lord

at the end:

May the Word, as living water,
make everything live.

Talk and Blessing of Backpacks

Affirmation of Faith – what we believe

Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
for by his will they were created
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

Prayers

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn HON 114 Eternal Father, strong to save

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3 O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God and the choir responds:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest recalls the Last Supper

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

The prayer continues:

... with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Choir Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Anthem

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce waste,
to live sustainably and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and voice creation's praise.

Notices

Hymn HON 571 You shall go out with joy

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And the trees of the fields
shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.

Blessing

May God the Father,
whose glory is proclaimed in the heavens,
awaken in you a delight and wonder in this good creation.

Amen.

May God the Son,
the Word made flesh,
through whom all things were made,
fill you with his risen life.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who hovered over the waters of creation
and formed the world from chaos,
form you in the likeness of Christ
and renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

Go in peace, as people of God made Christ's own through the waters of
baptism. In the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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