

How our wounds ache for love's healing
all through our days.

How our world needs love's revealing,
in all its ways.

Fearful hearts suspect the stranger,
hardened nations arm for danger,
love lives on, the powerful changer,
all through our days.

Love's the grace that makes us caring
all through our lives,
urges us to warmth and sharing
all through our lives,
speaks in us, oppression naming,
strives in us, injustice shaming,
lives in us, true peace proclaiming
all through our lives.

In God's faithful love we flourish
all through our lives,
known and loved, each other nourish
all through our lives.
Though the world's demands are pressing,
what life brings is left to guessing,
still we sing to praise love's blessing
all through our lives.

Words by Anna Briggs. Music Welsh trad.

BLESSING

May the God of Love who poured out
love, strengthen us in our love for others.

May the Christ of Joy who shared our life,
grant us grace to share life with others.

May the Holy Spirit indwelling us
flow out from us abundantly for others.

Amen

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OPENING RESPONSES

In mystery and grandeur
we see the face of God.

In earthiness and the ordinary
we know the love of Christ.

In heights and depths, in life and death,
the spirit of God is moving among us.
Praise be.

ACKNOWLEDGING COUNTRY

GATHERING PRAYER

God of wholeness,
you have created us bodily,
that our work and faith may be one.
May we offer our worship
from lives of integrity;
and maintain the fabric of this world
with hearts that are set on you,
through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Janet Morley

SONG

Awake, awake to love and work!
The lark is in the sky,
The fields are wet with diamond dew,
The worlds awake to cry
Their blessings on the Lord of life,
As he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs,
Shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up,

Great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come
And set thy soul ablaze.

To give, and give, and give again
What God hath given thee;
To spend thy self nor count the cost;
To serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are,
And all that are to be.

Words: G. Studdert-Kennedy; Music arr: George Mims.

THE WORD OF GOD

Let us listen for the word of God (*silence*)

2 Corinthians 8. 1-15

REFLECTION

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of the living Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Lord is here,
God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of mercy, giver of life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith
**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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 this day our daily bread.
Forgive our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver
us from evil, for the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen**

COMMUNION

MEDITATION

To meditate, sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Silently, interiorly begin to say a single word. We recommend the prayer-phrase, 'Maranatha'. Say it as four syllables of equal length. Listen to it as you say it, gently but continuously. Do not think or imagine anything – spiritual or otherwise. If thoughts and images come, these are distractions at the time of meditation, so keep returning simply to saying the word.

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CLOSING RESPONSES

Holy Light
let your wisdom shine on us.

Holy Love
help us open ourselves to others.

Holy Joy
release in us your power and strength.

SONG

Now we sing to praise love's blessing
all through our lives,
laughter, joy, surprise confessing,
all through our lives.
Love that dreamed a new creation,
love that dared an incarnation,
love that offers transformation
all through our lives.