

Sunday @ Seven February 2024
It's love, actually

Welcome

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
and He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul He leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
but yet in love He sought me,
and on His shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
within Thy house for ever!

Opening prayer; we say together -

*God our Father, we come to you as the day ends.
A day filled with opportunities to put love into
action; a day to show your love to those around
us.*

*We thank you for your abiding presence in our
lives and in other people.*

*We thank you for your love alive in us each day.
In Jesus name. Amen.*

*How wonderful how glorious
is the love of God;
bringing healing, forgiveness,
wonderful love.*

Let celebration echo through this land.
We bring reconciliation,
we bring hope to every man.
How wonderful.....

We proclaim the kingdom of our God is here;
come and join the heavenly anthem,
ringing loud and ringing clear.
How wonderful.....

Listen to the music as his praises fill the air.
With joy and with gladness
tell the people everywhere.
How wonderful.....

**Sentimental rubbish? Reading & Meditation –
1 John 4: 7-21**

Overwhelmed by love,
deeper than oceans, high as the heavens;
ever living God – your love has rescued me.

All my sin was laid,
on your dear Son, your precious one;
all my debt he paid –
great is your love for me.

No one could ever earn your love;
your grace and mercy is free.
Lord, these words are true –
so is my love for you,
so is my love for you.

**Sounds so easy? Reading & Meditation –
Mark 12: 28-31**

Come down, O Love Divine,
seek Thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let Thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path
illuminating.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Dramatic interlude – Loads of love

Reading – 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes.
May now your love sweep this nation;
cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding,
brotherly love that is real.
Let there be love shared among us, let there be
love.

***Do you love me? Reading & Reflection –
John 21: 15-17***

So freely
flows the endless love You give to me;
so freely,
not dependent on my part.
As I am reaching out,
reveal the love within Your heart;
as I am reaching out,
reveal the love within Your heart.

Completely –
that's the way You give Your love to me,
completely,
not dependent on my part.
As I am reaching out,
reveal the love within Your heart,
as I am reaching out,
reveal the love within Your heart.

So easy,
I receive the love You give to me;
so easy,
not dependent on my part.
Flowing out to me –
the love within Your heart;
flowing out to me –
the love within Your heart.

Have your say...

Time for our prayers...

Such love, pure as the whitest snow,
such love, weeps for the shame I know,
such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus such love!

Such love, stilling my restlessness,
such love, filling my emptiness,
such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love!

Such love, springs from eternity,
such love, streaming through history,
such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love!

A prayer we say together -

*Father in heaven, help us to recognise your love
– often found in unlikely places.*

*Teach us to be sensitive to your promptings, in
relationship to others.*

*Keep us generous and balanced in our
affections.*

*May we grow in the wisdom that comes from
knowing that we are loved unconditionally and
forever.*

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*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 forever. Amen.*

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down:
fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in Thee inherit,
let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come almighty to deliver,
let us all Thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

We say the Grace together.

***Next Sunday @ Seven is on March 24th
and will be held at the Salvation Army,
on Brookshaw Street – off St Marks
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