

*The minister taking the service today
is Rev Liz Hull*

1. Welcome and Greeting

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be
with you
and also with you.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
**Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for
ever.**

2. Hymn (*stand*)

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with kin, 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 news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.

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 ...

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3. Call to Penitence (*sit or kneel*)

The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Malachi 4.2

Silence

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

Amen.

4. Psalm 22

25 From you comes my praise in the great
congregation; I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.

26 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise
him; their hearts shall live for ever.**

27 All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall
bow before him.

28 **For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.**

29 How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust
kneel before him

30 **He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for
generations to come.**

31 They shall come and make known his
salvation, to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayer:

Restless with grief and fear,
the abandoned turn to you:
in every hour of trial,
good Lord, deliver us,
O God most holy, God most strong,
whose wisdom is the cross of Christ.
Amen.

5. Reading - see Rushen News – (sit)

6. Hymn (stand)

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

7. Reading - see Rushen News - (sit)

8. Sermon

9. Affirmation of Faith *(stand)*

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

10. Intercessions *(sit or kneel)*

the prayers may end with

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

11. The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into
one, 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.**

12. Prayer for Today

*A period of silent prayer, then the Collect
is said and all respond Amen*

13. Hymn *(stand)*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. ..

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. ..

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14. The Blessing (*stand*)

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you the gate of everlasting life, and the blessing ...

15. The Sending Out

Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia