



BOURNVILLE
PARISH CHURCH

All Together Toy Service

28th November 2021



The Gathering

Words of welcome and introduction

Greeting

As we begin our worship we say and sign

All **In the name of the Loving Father
In the name of the Risen Son
In the name of the Life-giving Spirit
In the name of the Three-in-One.
Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Christ be our light

Verse

Longing for light, we wait in the darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to you
Make us your own. Your holy people
Light for the world to see.

Chorus

*Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.*

Verse

Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
Making your kingdom come

We light the Advent Wreath

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.
Amen.**

Everybody's Welcome

Chorus

*Everybody's welcome anyone can come
To gather in the house of God
Family together the old and the young
We'll join to worship as one.*

Verse

We've come to worship You from near and far
Here to meet You in this place
In You it makes no difference who we are

Prayers of Penitence – we say sorry to God

Loving Lord, sometimes the things that we do or don't do hurt you
and hurt those you love. We are sorry.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Loving God, sometimes the things that we say or don't say hurt you
and hurt those you love. We are sorry.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Loving Lord, Sometimes the things we think or don't think hurt you
and hurt those you love. We are sorry.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We hear of God's forgiveness in these words

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,

and cleanse us from all our sins

that we may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hallelujah

Verse

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging.

Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet

Your love is a myst'ry, how You gently lift me

When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Chorus

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Your love makes me sing

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Your love makes me sing

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The Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Listening to the Word of God

Bible Reading: adapted from Ruth 2

Creative Response

Song: Our God's Generous

I have a love that will last forever
I have a love that has given me life
I have a love and it's like no other:

The gift of Jesus, the gift of Jesus

Our God's generous, He gives to all of us
Holding nothing back, He pours out His love
He sent Jesus Christ to be my sacrifice:
The greatest gift from heaven above

(Last time only)

My God's generous, He gives to all of us
My God's generous, He gives to all of us

Becky & Nick Drake

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Intercessions

The Giving of the Toys

As we bring our gifts to the altar we sing:

Anthem: Come people of the Risen King (Children's choir)

Offering Prayer

We pray for God's blessing on all who will receive these toys, that they may have a joyful Christmas and may know the love of God who for our sake became flesh and dwelt among us.

Hymn: Love of God Comes Close

The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.

The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the love of God is here to stay.

The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.

The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.

The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.

The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.

The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.

The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay.

The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.

The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the Son of God is here to stay.

John Bell (1949 -)

Notices

Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
To shine your light in the way we live.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
As we've received, may we freely give.

Send us out,
Send us out,
Send us out for your glory.
Let all we do
be praise to you;
send us out for your glory

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to show your love everywhere we go.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
Lord, fill us up so we overflow.

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Blessing

May the God of Hope, fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow
with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

Amen

Romans 15:13

Dismissal

A minister says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**