**St John’s Church, Ranmoor**

**Hymns and readings for 25th October Bible Sunday**

Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12

Colossians 3.12-17

Matthew 24.30-35

Hail to the Lord’s anointed!  
Great David’s greater Son;  
hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to let the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.  
  
He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.  
  
He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace the herald go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.  
  
O’er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever;  
that name to us is Love.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

God is love, let heaven adore him;  
God is love, let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth’s foundation,  
He who spread the heav’ns above,  
He who breathes through all creation:  
He is love, eternal love.

God is love; and love enfoldeth,  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth,  
ev’ry child of ev’ry race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow’s iron rod,  
then we find that self-same aching  
deep within the heart of God.

God is love; and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the human soul,  
God’s eternal loving-kindness  
guides and heals and makes us whole.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o’er us final triumph gain:  
God is love, so love forever  
o’er the universe must reign.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls hath found,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
to us thy pardoning love extend.  
  
Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our prophet, priest, Redeemer, Lord,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
to us thy saving grace extend.  
  
Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
to us thy quickening power extend.  
  
Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son;  
mysterious Godhead, three in one,  
before thy throne we sinners bend,  
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.  
  
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.

**Evensong**

Psalm 119:89-104

Isaiah 55.1-11

Luke 4.14-30