

Morning Prayer – Tuesday, July 28, 2020 - St. George's Anglican Church, Cadboro Bay  
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### Opening

You lavish love upon us. Make us people of extravagant love.

### Prayer

Holy God, lover of our souls, we come before you as people created by and for love: Gather us in this time to hear again your word of love, to renew our trust in its breadth and depth. In the sacrifice of your love for us, may we find renewal and be your love in the world. Amen.

### Meditation

Look

what happens to the scale  
when love holds it.

It stops working.

-Kafir (c.1440-1518)

*Where might we love abundantly this week?*

### Scripture – Song of Songs 2:10-13 (Contemporary English Version – CEV)

“Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

*(Be still and aware)*

### Poem – “The Rainmaker” by Niall Campbell

We needed it—and he stood there,  
feet on the dry porch, saying *rain*,  
cloud and skyful, the sound of drumming;

the bath trough in the garden listened,  
white and bone dry, as he described  
a bright wash across the dust fields,

the surest downpour, the flushed skin,  
my soaked shirt, heavy as a bell.  
Then off he went to the scorched fields,

humming, and weighing what we paid.  
What did he say: *prayer is moisture;*  
*hope is a well*—I didn't care,

I wanted just the words from him—  
what I couldn't dare say—not there  
beneath that sun, that blur of fire-sky.

My thoughts all thoughts of water, I  
spun my head round—to hear the spill  
of the word *rain* across the boards,

and nothing grew dark, nothing fell—  
but something fell, and the ground took,  
and something wild as garlic grew.

### Prayers

Jesus, Holy One of God,  
You embodied love for us.

Jesus, Holy One of God,  
You accepted love from all who offered.

Jesus, Holy One of God,  
We acknowledge our need for your love.

Teach us, we pray: The courage to both give and receive love, the humility to admit when we have not loved well, and the faith to trust that your love is enough

### ***PRAYERS FOR OTHERS, THE WORLD, AND ONESELF***

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.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

Holy Spirit, fill us with godly love.  
Free us from all that resists loving and being loved.  
Empower us to love as Jesus did.  
In his gracious name we pray. Amen.

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