

LOVE IS MY ONLY LAW

INTRO:

One day they asked him - Jesus tell,
Of all commandments which is the greatest?
And this was the answer that he gave to them.
Listen, for the law of God is here:

CHORUS:

With all your heart, with all your mind
With all your strength to love,
To love the Lord your God,
To love your neighbour as yourself.
With all your heart, with all your mind
With all your strength to love,
To love your neighbour as yourself
And love the Lord your God.

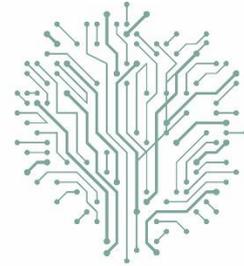
1. This is my only law - hear what I say.
Only remember this: Love is the way.
Love is my only law. Love is the way. CHORUS

2. When Crosses come to you, darken the day
Only remember this: Love is the way.
Love is my only law. Love is the way. CHORUS.

3. This is my only law - hear what I say.
Only remember this: Love is the way.
Love is my only law. Love is the way.

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SALTBUSH

UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

John 13:31-35
Love One Another

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Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God in Christ as we share our lives with others

Lighting of Christ Candle

God's truth is revealed in Jesus Christ the light of the world. May the light shine for the hope of the world.

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Wipe away our tears, O God, for we are weary of weeping at the injustices of the world.

Love us like a mother, and protect us like a father, that we may live as your beloved children in a world made new.

Dwell among us, we pray, that we may love one another as we were meant to love. Amen*

Song

[Love is my only Law](https://peterkearney.bandcamp.com/track/93-love-is-my-only-law) by Peter Kearney
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Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- What would you say to those you love if your hours of life were few?
- In what ways does your church love one another? What are some other ways your church could share this love?

Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Don't worry too much if your mind is filled with other thoughts, allow them to drift away like a feather on the wind.

Prayers for Others

Teach our hearts to love, O God, as you would have us love.

For those who feel lost and alone.

Teach our eyes to see, Holy One, as you would have us see.

For those who live under the threat of violence and hatred.

You would have us love without prejudice.

You would have us accept without judgment.

You would have us truly learn to love.

Make your home among us, that we might be made one and whole. Amen*

Music for Reflection:

[Slow Action of Love](#) by John Coleman

<https://johncoleman.bandcamp.com/track/slow-action-of-love>

Closing Responses & Blessing

A new commandment changes our lives..

We are called to love one another.

A new vision guides our way...

We are to see God's acceptance, even to those who are stranger to us.

A new blessing leads us forward...

We are called to be a blessing to the world. *

Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*All prayers are adapted from Abingdon Worship Annual.