John 13; 1 – 35

What does love look like?

Love is kneeling on the floor like a servant, washing tired feet

Love is having a meal with friends, offering them hospitality and friendship

Love is doing all this with someone you know will deny you and someone you know will betray you, but loving them anyway

Love is a quiet garden, an intense prayer for a different ending

Love is accepting that there is no other way, and accepting that, going forward willingly to give generously, what others are trying to take.

Love is stretched on a cross, but love does not break on the cross

Love is dying alone so that we never die alone

What does love look like today?

Perhaps love is the ICU consultant who has sent her young family to stay with relatives for months, because she knows her patients need her skills

Perhaps love is the bruised face of the nurse when she takes off her face mask

Perhaps love is the person who has volunteered to shop

Perhaps love is the clatter of the bins being emptied by people putting themselves at risk

Perhaps love is the ring of the phone that shows someone cares

What does love look like to you, today?

What does your love look like today?

Prayer:

A new commandment, Lord – a commandment to love. We praise you for the love we know and have known, the love we have lived in throughout our days. Take our love, drab and grey though it may seem, and by your Spirit, turn it into a rainbow river, pouring out and seeping into the cracks and corners of your world, mending, filling and healing.

Hear our prayers, Lord! Amen