

## Reflection Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Easter 2022

Jesus says “No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father!” We know that love has the power to draw people together. The Father, who is love, has made us loving images of himself. It is no wonder then that we are drawn to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. However, to recognise the love that is drawing us to God, we need help and guidance. Acts tell us that this is what Philip does for the Ethiopian eunuch who, on recognising the love that is drawing him forth as the love of God, asks to be baptised immediately; thus revealing the power of the love that draws us all towards God.

There is something wholesomely human about God’s love for us, we call him Jesus Christ. Our experience of love comes through people but we know that the love we receive from others has its source and origin in God. When we gather for the eucharist and eat his flesh and blood in the consecrated bread and wine, the love of God is experienced in those present with us at the eucharist as well as those present on line and in spirit. It is this divine love that makes us holy and reverent people sharing in a dignity that could only come from God.

### **‘Loves Choice’ Malcolm Guite:**

*This bread is light, dissolving, almost air,  
a little visitation on my tongue,  
a wafer-thin sensation, hardly there.  
Yet this is how he comes. Through wine and bread  
love chooses to be emptied into me.  
He does not come in unimagined light  
too bright to be denied, too absolute  
for consciousness, too strong for sight,  
leaving the seer blind, the poet mute;  
chooses instead to seep into each sense,  
to dye himself into experience.*