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**Liturgical Date: Year B, Easter 5, 28th April 2024**

**Presenter: Rev Paul Simpson**

**Focus Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

**Message** 7 minutes 25 seconds

**“God is Love”**

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** What stood out for you from that passage and message?
- 2** How does “Being Loving” show people the nature of God?
- 3** In what practical ways, can you show God’s love to someone in your community?
- 4** Think of one person you can try to show God’s love to this week. Pray for an opportunity.

### **Lectionary readings for the day**

**Psalm 22:25-31** The psalm anticipates God’s fully extending his life-abounding rule into the whole earth as “every family among all nations” ( v27) rich and poor join to sing his praise.

**Acts 4:5-12** God directs Philip to a desert place where God uses him to extend the promises of the resurrection and life in God’s forever family to an Ethiopian eunuch, a Gentile outsider without future family prospects.

**John 15:1-8** Like a vine extending life to its branches, God extends the prolific power and life of the resurrection into those who remain connected to Jesus.

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**All Age Message: Glenda Downie**

**“Good Samaritan”**

**Length** 5 minutes 25 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

In the story of the Good Samaritan the people who should have helped – did not; and the least expected person - did. We can talk about “Loving God” but it is not always easy to put it into practice. When we let our love just continually overflow ( like the shaving cream) then our love shows and we can be really loving. Actions show others God’s Love.

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 22:25-31 pages 259 - 260**

### **Rev Paul Simpson**

I grew up in Hornsby Heights in Sydney. I met my wife Amy in 1999 whilst leading at a Vision Valley Kid’s Camp. We now have two young boys and a pair of cavoodles. My spare time is often spent gaming, at the skate park with the boys or spending time with Amy. I love music, free time, and Facebook Marketplace.