

# Love is His Word

An Anthem for the Sanctuary Choir of Hennepin Church  
for 2 soprano solos with oboe, harp and cello

Tune: JULINORMA, Robert Hutnacher, OFM (b. 1948)  
Text: Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)

Donald Livingston (b. 1964)

Moderato

The score is in 6/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It begins with an Oboe and Harp introduction. The Oboe part starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5, then a half note D5. The Harp part features a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand. The vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) enter at measure 4 with the lyrics "Love is his word, love is his way,". The lyrics are repeated in the second measure of the vocal line. The piece concludes with a final chord in the Harp and Oboe parts.

Oboe

Harp

S

A

T

B

*mp* Love is his word, love is his way,

*mp* Love is his word, love is his way,

*mp* Love is his word, love is his way,

*mp* Love is his word, love is his way,

7

S  
Feast - ing with all, fast - ing a - lone. Liv - ing and dy - ing,

A  
Feast - ing with all, fast - ing a - lone. Liv - ing and dy - ing,

T  
8  
Feast - ing with all, fast - ing a - lone. Liv - ing and dy - ing,

B  
Feast - ing with all, fast - ing a - lone. Liv - ing and dy - ing,

7

7

10

S  
Ris - ing a gain. Love, on - ly love, is his way.

A  
Ris - ing a gain. Love, on - ly love, is his way.

T  
8  
Ris - ing a gain. Love, on - ly love, is his way.

B  
Ris - ing a gain. Love, on - ly love, is his way.

10

10

13

S *mf* Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor and

A *mf* Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor and

T *mf* Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor and

B *mf* Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor and

8

*mf*

16

S wealth. Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord,

A wealth. Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord,

T wealth. Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord,

B wealth. Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord,

8

16

19

S  
Bet - ter than splen - dor and

A  
bet - ter than splen - dor and wealth.

T  
8  
bet - ter than splen - dor, bet - ter than splen - dor.

B  
bet - - - ter than wealth.

21 Soprano II solo

S  
Love is his way, love is his name. We are his own, cho-sen and called,

21  
S  
wealth.

T  
8  
Ooo.

B  
Ooo.

25

Fam - i - ly, breth - ren, Cous - ins and kin. Love, on - ly love is his name.

T

B

25

29

Soprano I solo

Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor and

S

Ooo

A

Ooo

T

B

29

32

wealth. Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord,

S

A

32

35

bet - ter than splen - dor and wealth.

S

A

T  
8

B

Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord,

35

35

35

38

S Rich - er than gold is the

A Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, Rich - er than gold is the

T<sup>8</sup> Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, Rich - er than gold is the

B Rich - er than gold is the

38

38

38

41

S  
love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor, splen - - - dor and

A  
love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor, splen - - - dor

T  
8  
love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor, splen - - - dor and

B  
love of my Lord, splen - - - dor and

41

41



44

S  
wealth. Love is his name, his law. Hear his com-mand,

A  
Love is his name, love is his law. Hear his com-mand,

T  
wealth. Love is his name, his law. Hear his com-mand,

B  
wealth. Love is his name, his law. Hear his com-mand,

44

44

47

S  
all who are his: "Love one a-noth-er as I have loved you."

A  
all who are his: "Love one a-noth-er as I have loved you."

T  
all who are his: "Love one a-noth-er as I have loved you."

B  
all who are his: "Love one a-noth-er as I have loved you."

50

S Love, on - ly love, is his law. Rich - er than gold is the

A Love, on - ly love, is his law. Rich - er than gold is the

T 8 Love, on - ly love, is his law. Rich - er than gold is the

B Love, on - ly love, is his law. Rich - er than gold is the

53

Soprano I and II solo

S love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor and wealth.

A love of my Lord, Bet - ter than splen - dor and wealth.

T 8 love of my Lord, Bet - ter than splen - dor and wealth.

B love of my Lord, Bet - ter than splen - dor and wealth.

Rich - er than

56

gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor and

S Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor and

A Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, Bet - ter than splen - dor and

T Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, Bet - ter than splen - dor and

B Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, Bet - ter than splen - dor and

59

wealth.

S wealth.

A wealth.

T wealth.

B wealth.

59

62

S  
A  
T  
B

Love is his law, love is his word;

Love is his law, Love is his word;

Love is his law, Love is his word;

Love is his law, Love is his word;

62

62

62

65

word; Love of the Lord, Fath - er and Word of the Spi - rit,

S  
Love of the Lord, Fath - er and Word. Love of the Spi - rit,

A  
Love of the Lord, Fath - er and Word. Love of the Spi - rit,

T  
Love of the Lord, Fath - er and Word. Love of the Spi - rit,

B  
Love of the Lord, Fath - er and Word. Love of the Spi - rit,

65

65

68

God ev - 'ry one. On - ly Love, on - ly Love's his word.

S  
68  
God ev - 'ry one. Love, on - ly love, is his word.

A  
God ev - 'ry one. Love, on - ly love, is his word.

T  
8  
God ev - 'ry one. Love, on - ly love, is his word.

B  
God ev - 'ry one. Love, on - ly love, is his word.

68

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71

S Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor and

A Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor or

T 8 Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor or

B Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord, bet - ter than splen - dor or

71

71

74

S  
74  
wealth.  
Love is

A  
74  
wealth. Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord,

T  
8  
wealth. Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord,

B  
wealth. Rich - er than gold is the love of my Lord,

74

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A  
bet - ter than splen - dor and wealth.

T  
8  
Love is his word, love is his way.

B  
bet - ter than splen - dor Love is his word, love is his way.

80

A  
Love is his way, Love is his name.

T  
8  
Love is his way, Love is his name.

B  
Love is his way, Love is his name.

82

S  
*accel.* Love is his name, love is his law.

A  
*accel.* Love is his name, love is his law.

T  
*accel.* Love is his name, love is his law.

B  
*accel.* Love is his name, love is his law.

82

*accel.*

82

*accel.*

84 *Soprano II solo*

84 *Soprano I solo*

Love is his word; Love his is his way.

S  
84 Love is his law, Love is his word; his way.

A  
84 Love is his law, Love is his word; his way.

T  
8 Love is his law, his word; Love is his way.

B  
84 Love is his law, his word; his way.

84

84

84

Soprano I solo

87

Love is his

*rit.*

*rit.*

*rit.*

90

Soprano II solo      Both:

word. Love is his way. Love, on - ly Love.

S  
Word. Way. Love.

A  
Word. Way. Love.

T  
Word. Way. Love.

B  
Word. Way. Love.

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