

Thought for the day – Thursday 29th September 2022

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Abba Amma To be holy and human

Nicola Slee has written these improvisations on the Lord's prayer addressed to Abba (Daddy) and Amma (Mummy).

How about this one?

To be holy and human

Abba Amma

it is from you

that we learn

how to be truly human

It is from the child

you sent as

the Human One

that we learn

how to live

as your children

Your Holy One

brought down

the kingdom from on high

to establish it

in the lowliness

of our midst

to show us
how to live
in peace
on earth
as in heaven

So teach us
to become holy and human
in all that we do and say

Teach us to live
on the earth you have given
as you live in the heaven of heavens

a true community of love
a commonwealth of justice
an upside-down empire
where the child is crowned with the lamb
Abba Amma Nicola Slee Canterbury Press

How can we make St James a community of love?