

## Births, Deaths and Benefit Caps

*I knocked up this little opening liturgy for Sunday 21 July - the Sunday after Prince George was born; the Sunday after George Zimmerman was cleared after shooting dead unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin; the Sunday after one of the hottest spells this year when hose pipe bans were threatened; the Sunday after the BBC introduce the world to Jordan's fourth largest city, a Syrian refugee camp at Zaatari; and the Sunday after more reports surfaced about people suffering under the imposed benefit caps.*

Our Lord Jesus

whose birth, though anticipated by the few, went un-noticed by the masses.  
became refugee to another land,  
chose to learn right from wrong  
and developed the calloused hands of a labourer.

To God be the Glory, **great things he has done!**

Our Lord Jesus,

who partied with friends and turned common water into finest wine,  
framed for a crime he never committed,  
unjustly pursued and sentenced to death,  
who forgave perpetrators  
and sought shalom.

To God be the Glory, **great things he has done!**

Our Lord Jesus

whose love is never capped,  
whose grace never runs dry,  
in whose image all of humankind is created,  
and in whose hands we are forever held.

To God be the Glory, **great things he has done!**

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