

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2 & 3, 2019

5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

All three Readings today declare the depth, breadth, and height of God's love for the world. When God's people were drifting away, God sent prophets, such as Jeremiah, to speak God's Word and call the people back to faithfulness. God declares His love for Jeremiah: "I formed you in the womb . . . I consecrated you; I appointed you . . . I am with you to deliver you" (*Jeremiah 1:5, 8*). God's love is shown forth in Jesus in the Gospel. Jesus casts out a demon from a man, thereby restoring his life. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, and He casts out even more demons and heals more diseases. This all points to the restoration of all creation in God's coming kingdom. The Epistle, often read at weddings, calls us toward lives shaped by the depth, breadth, and height of God's love for us.

PRELUDE

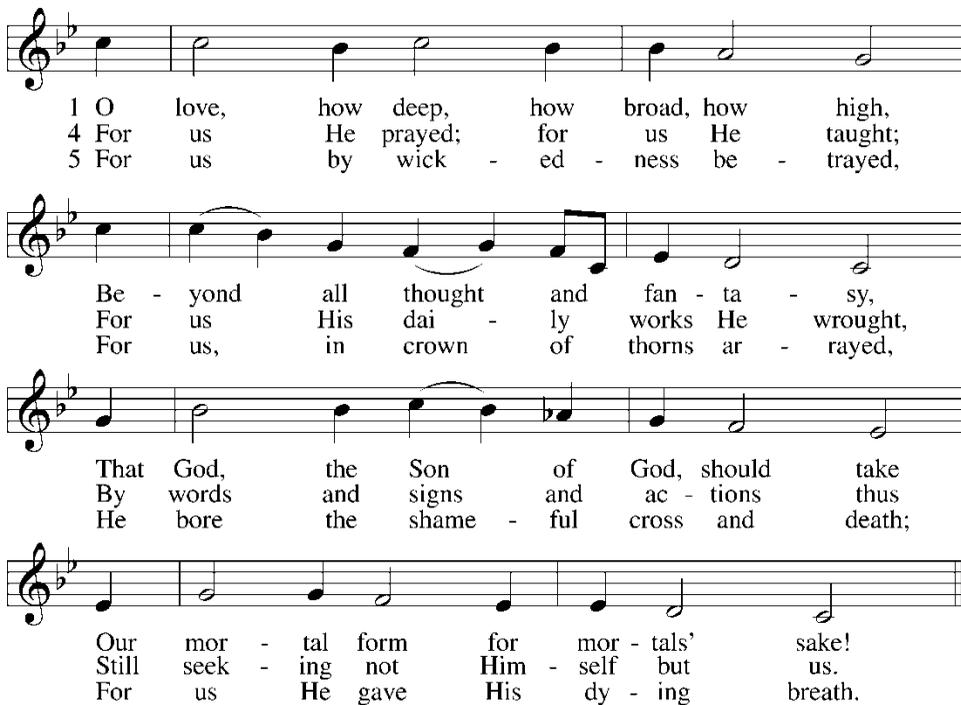
The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

544 O Love, How Deep



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
5 For us by wickedness be-trayed,
Be-yond all thought and fan-ta-sy,
For us His dai-ly works He wrought,
For us, in crown of thorns ar-rayed,
That God, the Son of God, should take
By words and signs and ac-tions thus
He bore the shame-ful cross and death;
Our mor-tal form for mor-tals' sake!
Still seek-ing not Him-self but us.
For us He gave His dy-ing breath.

**6 For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

**7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.**

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INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Embraced by the love of God through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin before God and one another. Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, God of love, in thought, word, and deed.

People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Leader: We have at times shown lack of trust in Your loving purpose for our lives.

People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Leader: We have often failed to immerse ourselves in Your Word and to speak it freely in the world.

People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Leader: We have failed to love You and to love one another, even using our faith as an excuse not to love our neighbors.

People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Leader: In our sin, we have been envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, insistent, irritable, and resentful.

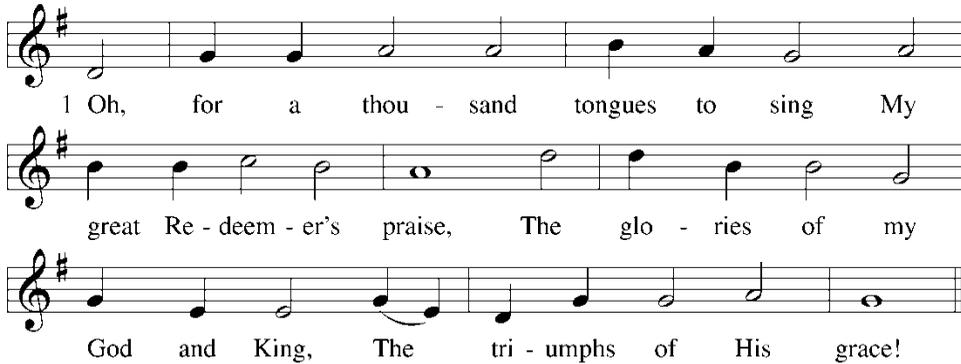
People: In Your great love for us in Christ, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: O Lord, You showed Your love for humanity through Jesus, Your beloved Son, who cast out demons and healed the sick. Empower us by Your Spirit to love You with our whole heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, so that the light of Your love may so shine before others through us that they glorify You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

During this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Exchange of Peace, but might simply greet you with a verbal greeting, a wave, or a smile.

WELCOME

✘ WORD ✘

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:4–10

(The Lord calms Jeremiah's fear with a promise.)

⁴ The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

⁶ "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."

⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

⁹ Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13

(The greatest of these is love.)

And now I will show you the most excellent way.

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¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. ¹² Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

5:00 "My God is So High"

arr. by Moses Hogan

Please stand

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:31–44

(Jesus casts out a demon and heals Peter's mother-in-law.)

³¹ Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. ³² They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ³⁴ "Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!"

³⁵ "Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

³⁶ All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!" ³⁷ And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹ So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

⁴² At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴ And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE WORD

541 "Away from Us!" the Demon Cried

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

8:30 "Down by the Riverside"

Daniel Kallman

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

+++ Special Intercessions +++

Each concluding: **Leader:** Lord, in Your mercy, **People:** hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who shone forth Your kingdom in this world by teaching, casting out demons, healing the sick, and proclaiming the kingdom from town to town. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.

When the wine is distributed, individual glasses will be offered first, then the common cup. Communicants may take whichever is preferred. If taking the individual glass, please keep the glass visible so that the communion assistant with the common cup will know who has already communed.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion tray for those who have a sensitivity to the alcohol in wine.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

629 What Is This Bread

535 How Wide the Love of Christ

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thank You, Lord, for Your patient love demonstrated by Jesus' death and resurrection for us and delivered to us today through the body and blood of Christ. Stir our hearts by Your Holy Spirit to love others with patience, kindness, humility, peacefulness, and truth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

POSTLUDE

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20; Luke 5:1-11

Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m.	Alex Goodwin
	8:30 a.m.	David Funke
	11:00 a.m.	James Marriott
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Carla Rainey
	11:00 a.m.	Marilyn Kreitner
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Jacob Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Zachary Oliver
Soloist:	8:30 a.m.	Denise Koch
Choirs:	5:00 p.m.	Choral Singers
	11:00 a.m.	Joyful Noise
Instrumentalists:	Bud Shultz, clarinet Matt McEuen, guitar Ellory Glenn, bass guitar Glenn Lackey, percussion	
Director:	Ryan Meyer	
Organist & Accompanist:	Carolyn Rusnak	
Radio Announcer:	Steve Brutlag	

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