

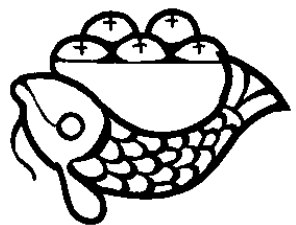
**Sunday
February 12,
A.D. 2012**



God is Love

**AND THE STORY OF
ST. VALENTINE**

A "Fountain of Youth Service" that seeks to introduce more playful elements into the liturgical life of our parish; and, give our children more prominent roles in worship.



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A SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

According to rites from the Church of England and the Episcopal Church (USA)

♪ Gathering Music: #721..... *Gather Comprehensive II*



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, And
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, And
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

Verse 3



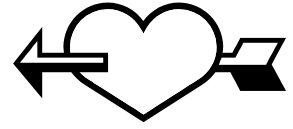
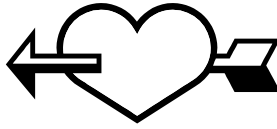
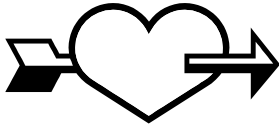
3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



soled as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood as to un-der-



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul. D.C.



♪ Gathering Music, "Love God with your heart" Round



*Dear Saint Valentine,
bless this friend of mine!*

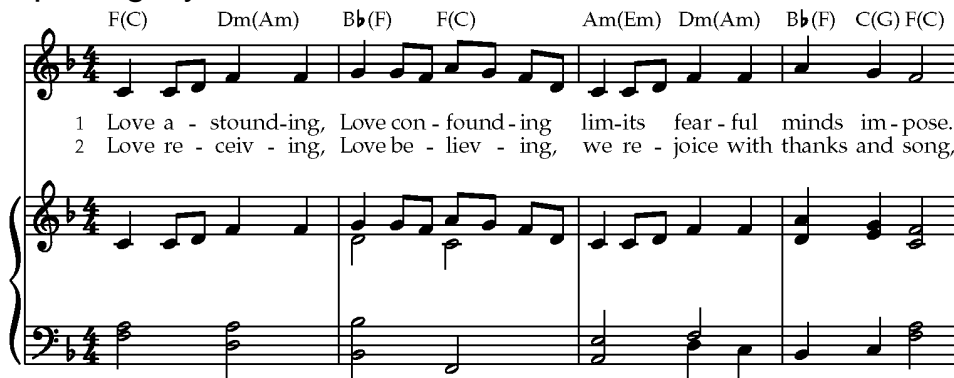


♪ Gathering Music: "Pass it On" Kaiser Choir Soloists

🔔 *The Sanctus Bell rings three times calling us to worship and prayer*

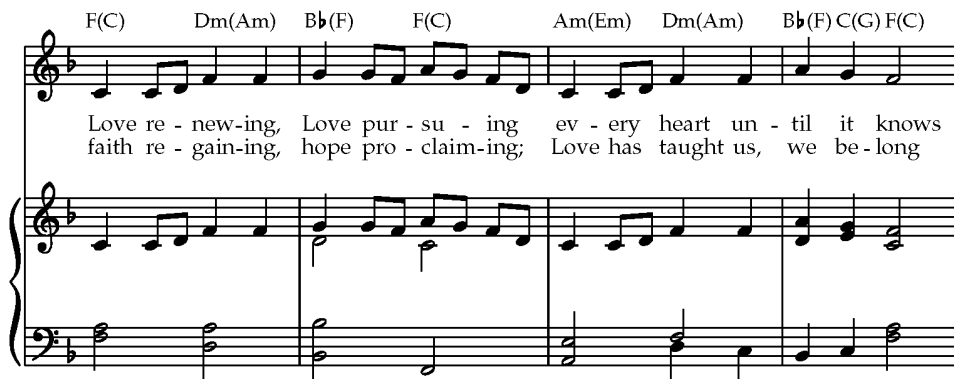
♪ Opening Hymn: #143..... *Voices Found*

F(C) Dm(Am) Bb(F) F(C) Am(Em) Dm(Am) Bb(F) C(G) F(C)



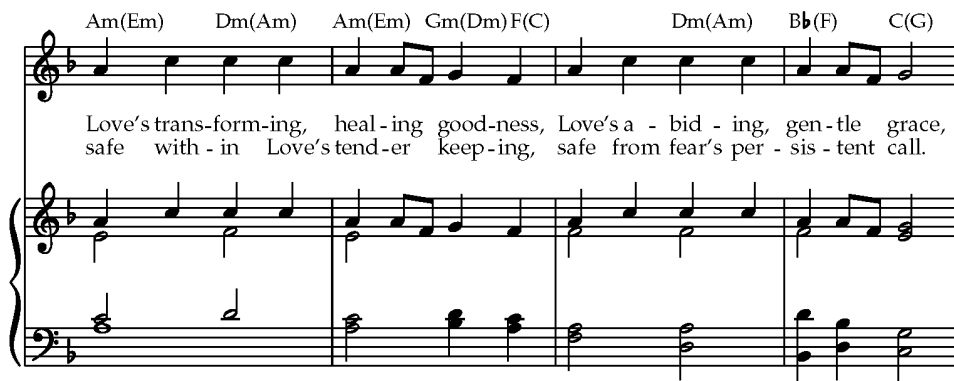
1 Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found - ing lim-its fear - ful minds im-pose.
2 Love re - ceiv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,

F(C) Dm(Am) Bb(F) F(C) Am(Em) Dm(Am) Bb(F) C(G) F(C)



Love re - new-ing, Love pur - su - ing ev - ery heart un - til it knows
faith re - gain-ing, hope pro - claim-ing; Love has taught us, we be - long

Am(Em) Dm(Am) Am(Em) Gm(Dm) F(C) Dm(Am) Bb(F) C(G)



Love's trans-form-ing, heal-ing good-ness, Love's a - bid - ing, gen-tle grace,
safe with - in Love's tend-er keep-ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent call.

F(C) Dm(Am) Bb(F) F(C) Am(Em) Dm(Am) Bb(F) C(G) F(C)

Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing, strong em-brace.
Love de - fend - ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

Capo 5, play C

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• Greeting¹

Leader Praise God!
For the Lord our God the almighty reigns!
People **Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory.**

Leader Happy are those who have been invited
to the wedding-feast of the Lamb.
People **Amen. Praise the Lord!**

• Words of Welcome

Leader Beloved in the Lord, we have come together to offer
our thanks for God's steadfast-loving-kindness, to
praise him who is the Savior of the world, and to
honor St. Valentine, patron of love, young people,
and happy marriages.

¹ A Service for St. Valentine's Day from *New Patterns for Worship* (Church of England)

♫ Hymn of Praise: #408 *The Hymnal 1982*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep-eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch-ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur-mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

• Prayer for the Day

God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Without you, we cannot please you; without love, our deeds are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- Confession

Leader God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Stand or kneel as you are able. Silence will be kept for a time.

Leader Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**ALL Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgment;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Priest May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in ✠ Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

- Scripture, Story and Song

Before beginning the lesson, the reader invites the congregation to respond as follows to these verbal cues. It helps to practice a little.

Joseph “Beloved of Israel”

God “The one who loves us”

A number *When a number is mentioned, count from one to that number*

Goshen “Ahhhhhhhh”

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis²

³[Now] **Joseph** asked his brothers if his father was still alive, but they were too frightened to answer. ⁴**Joseph** told them to come closer to him, and when they did, he said:

Yes, I am your brother **Joseph**, the one you sold into Egypt. ⁵Don't worry or blame yourselves for what you did. **God** is the one who sent me ahead of you to save lives.

⁶There has already been a famine for **two** years, and for **five** more years no one will plow fields or harvest grain. ⁷But **God** sent me on ahead of you to keep your families alive and to save you in this wonderful way. ⁸After all, you weren't really the ones who sent me here--it was **God**. He made me the highest official in the king's court and placed me over all Egypt.

⁹Now hurry back and tell my father that his son **Joseph** says, "**God** has made me ruler of Egypt. Come here as quickly as you can. ¹⁰You will live near me in the region of **Goshen** with your children and grandchildren, as well as with your sheep, goats, cattle, and everything else you own. ¹¹I will take care of you there during the next **five** years of famine. But if you don't come, you and your family and your animals will starve to death."

¹⁴[Then] **Joseph** and Benjamin hugged each other and started crying. ¹⁵**Joseph** was still crying as he kissed each of his other brothers. After this, they started talking with **Joseph**.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

² Genesis 45:3-11 & 15, *Contemporary English Version*

♪ Sequence Hymn“Open My Eyes”

[Cut & Paste]

Reader A *A reading from the gospel of Luke*³.

"To you who are ready for the truth, I say this:
Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, gift-wrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously.

Reader B

"Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that's charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that.

Reader A

"I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You'll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we're at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind.

³ Luke 6:27-38, *The Message*

Reader B

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." [pause] The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

♪ Musical Response “Love God with Your Heart”

[Cut & Paste]

- St. Valentine – the Story in Brief

History tells us that several Christians by the name of Valentine were martyred for their faith. One, very probably a priest, was beheaded on February 14, 270, during a persecution of Christians promoted by the Emperor Claudius II. But as Christianity became more and more accepted in the Roman Empire, a celebration of St. Valentine's love for Jesus and the people of God began to replace an older tradition intended to secure fertility and keep out evil. Thus the custom of exchanging a promise of love was done in different ways over the centuries and evolved into our present tradition of exchanging Valentines on February 14 along with gifts and other special signs of love and affection.

- Pass the Valentine Mailbox

This is a variation of the "Pass the Package" game. Participants stand in a circle and pass the mailbox from one to another while the music is playing. When the music stops – randomly, and at irregular intervals – the one holding the mailbox opens it and removes one of the Valentines. They read the message; or in the case of young readers, take it to a parent for help. The game continues until all the Valentines have been opened and read.

♪ Sunday School Children's Anthem "Love, Love, Love"

Love, love, love!

That's what it's all about!

'Cause God loves us,

We love each other,

Verse 2: "Joy, joy, joy!"

Mother, father, sister, brother.

Verse 3: "Me, me, me!"

Everybody sing and shout

Verse 4: "You, you, you!"

'cause that's what it's all about!

It's about love, love, love!

It's about love, love, love.

- Affirmation of Faith

Leader Let us declare our faith in God.

**ALL We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.***

- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Leader We pray for the family of the Church,
for loving relationships,
and for the life of families around us.
Jesus, Lord of Love,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, born in poverty and soon a refugee,
be with families today who are poor
and live in hunger and want,
especially those who are known to us
in Michigan, Ghana, and Nicaragua.
Jesus, Lord of Love,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, as you grew in wisdom and in favor
with God and the people
in the family of Joseph the carpenter,
bring wisdom and the presence of God
into the work and growth of families today ...
Jesus, Lord of love,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, as you blessed marriage
in the wedding at Cana,
be with those preparing for marriage
and with those who come to the end
of their resources ...
Jesus , Lord of love,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, as you healed Peter's mother-in-law,
bring healing to those in our families
who are ill today, especially: *N's*
Jesus, Lord of love,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, when you were dying you called Mary
and John to care for one another.
Provide today for those who lose their families:
the bereaved and childless, orphans and widows,
[and those who mourn for: *N*].
Jesus, Lord of love,

People **in your mercy, hear us.**

Leader Jesus, as you ate breakfast on the beach with your
disciples after you were raised from the dead,
bring the whole Church on earth and in heaven
into your risen presence to eat
at the eternal banquet.

People Jesus, Lord of love,
**in your mercy, hear us,
accept our prayers
and be with us always. Amen.**

Priest O God, you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as surpass our understanding:
Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we,
loving you in all things and above all things, may
obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can
desire; through Christ, our Lord of Love. **Amen.**

- The Peace

Priest To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

People **And also with you.**

- Announcements & Blessings

♪ Offertory Anthem “The Gift of Love” Hopson

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Doxology, #380, v. 3 only *The Hymnal 1982*
Eucharistic Prayer B Prayer Book, p. 376

♫ Sanctus #858 *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first system of the musical score is in 6/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half rest, followed by a series of chords and moving lines. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and' are written below the staff.

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

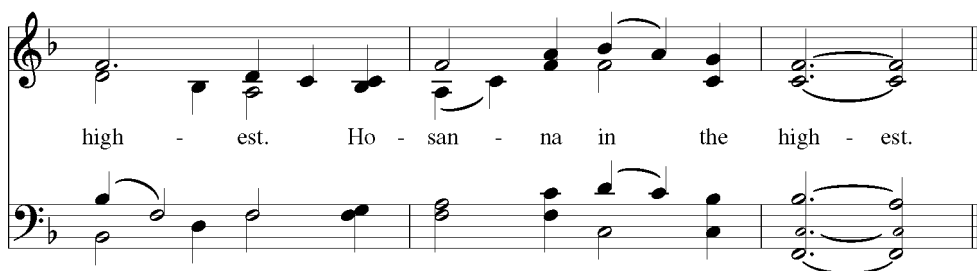
The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics 'might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -' are written below the staff.

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes' are written below the staff.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fourth system concludes the piece. The lyrics 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the' are written below the staff.



Lord's PrayerPrayer Book, p. 364
 Fraction AnthemPrayer Book, p. 364

♩ Communion Hymn #604*Gather Comprehensive II*



1. The call is clear and sim - ple: "Love God and hu - man -
 2. God, help us sort our mo - tives, That lov - ing may be
 3. God, teach us strength and wis - dom When false love takes the
 4. O wise and ho - ly Lov - er, Teach us as sea - sons



kind," But love de - mands much wis - dom And
 whole. High aims or base am - bi - tion? Com -
 lead. Too well we learn sub - mis - sion And
 turn To know our - selves and oth - ers— Deep,



clar - i - ty of mind, "Be wi - ly as a
 pas - sion or con - trol? Then help us clear our
 si - lence our own need. When oth - ers would mis -
 hon - est love to learn, So may we nur - ture

ser - pent, Though gen - tle as a dove," For
 sched - ules Of ev - 'ry fran - tic task, That
 use us Or lure us t'ward the wrong, God,
 liv - ing In all we say and do, In

man - y are the dan - gers Up - on the path of love.
 leads a - way from do - ing The one thing that you ask.
 tem - per love with cour - age To keep our bound - ries strong.
 strong and gen - tle giv - ing To hu - man - kind and you.

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 Tune: PASSION CHORALE, 7 6 7 6 D; Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

Post Communion Prayer

Priest Eternal God,
 we offer our thanks that through our earthly lives
 you speak of your eternal life.
 We rejoice in the wonder of creation,
 the gift of human life
 and the many blessings that our relationships bring.
 Renew in us the fruits of your Holy Spirit;
 that love, joy and peace may abound in our homes,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ALL **Heavenly Father,**
we offer you our souls and bodies,
our thoughts and words and deeds,
our love for one another.
Unite our wills in your will,
that we may grow together in love and peace
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

• Blessing

Priest May God the Holy Trinity make you strong
 in faith and love,
 defend you on every side,
 and guide you in truth and peace;
 and the blessing of God almighty, ✕
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

♪ Closing Hymn: #728 *Gather Comprehensive II*

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one in the Lord, We are one in the
 walk hand in hand, We will walk in the
 work side by side, We will work with each
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard - hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

stored:
land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
pride:
one:

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.

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• St. Philip's Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth to nourish open minds,
feed hungry bodies, and raise joyful spirits ...

People **as a vibrant community of God's love.**

ALL Alleluia!

♪ Postlude Sholtes
"They'll Know We are Christians by our Love"