

## LENTEN MIDWEEK 3

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

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### **Divine Service I**

*\*stand as you are able*

#### **OPENING HYMN 544**    *O Love, How Deep*

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter over-threw.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught; For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death; For us He gave His dying 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.
- Δ7 All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

\*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

\*KYRIE

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

**\*SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray... (*The Collect of the Day is spoken*)

**C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Hosea 11:1-4

<sup>1</sup>When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup>The more they were called,  
the more they went away;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals  
and burning offerings to idols.

<sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;  
I took them up by their arms,  
but they did not know that I healed them.

<sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of kindness,  
with the bands of love,  
and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws,  
and I bent down to them and fed them.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 4:7-13

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*VERSE FOR LENT**

**C** **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. (44-49)

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

*After the reading:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 645** *Built on the Rock*

- 1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ever’y land; Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heaven above Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.

3 We are God's house of living stones, Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes, Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And ever more, our Redeemer.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know My own; My own know Me. You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

## SERMON *"Love that Comes in Many Ways"*

### \*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.

### \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray...

**C Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN 602** *The Gifts Christ Freely Gives*

1 The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.

2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.  
Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

3 The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow;  
The pastor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
Forgiveness that we need Is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.

4 The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read;  
God's children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself, Blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;

Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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