



4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
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## As We Gather

From the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry we are given clear hints about the true nature of God's love. At first people marveled at Jesus' preaching and miraculous healings. Yet not only did the crowds quickly reject our Lord, but Satan was also actively opposing Him from the beginning. The love of God is the power of God to defeat Satan and free the world from the grip of sin and death, and the standard of love is the cross of Christ. In today's Epistle, Paul describes love in and through Christ. If you substitute "Christ" for "love" and you get, "Christ is patient and kind; Christ does not envy or boast; . . . Christ rejoices with the truth." This love of Christ is given to us and through us. "Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these" is the cross of Christ!

### Prelude

"Air from Water Music Suite"

G. Handel

### Opening Hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

#398 sts. 1-3

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| 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,<br>Great David's greater Son!<br>Hail, in the time appointed,<br>His reign on earth begun!<br>He comes to break oppression,<br>To set the captive free,<br>To take away transgression<br>And rule in equity. | 2 He comes with rescue speedy<br>To those who suffer wrong,<br>To help the poor and needy<br>And bid the weak be strong; | To give them songs for sighing,<br>Their darkness turn to light,<br>Whose souls, condemned and dying,<br>Were precious in His sight. | 3 He shall come down like showers<br>Upon the fruitful earth;<br>Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,<br>Spring in His path to birth.<br>Before Him on the mountains<br>Shall peace, the herald, go;<br>And righteousness in fountains<br>From hill to valley flow. |
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### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

*John 1:10–12*

**P** Jesus Christ was in the world, and the world was made through Him,

**C** yet the world did not know Him.

**P** He came to His own,

**C** and His own people did not receive Him.

**P** But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name,

**C** He gave the right to become children of God.

### Confession and Absolution

*John 1:14*

**P** God has come to us to make us His own children. Let us confess our sins, that He may give us faith to receive Him and His love.

**C** O God, we confess that we have ignored Your voice and Spirit by choosing to go our own way. Without You, we are lost and confused and without hope. Without You, we do not know love. Come to us now and forgive our waywardness and weakness. Give us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love, and receive us again into the family of Your redeemed. Amen.

**P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and by His grace, through His Word, we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ WORD ✠

### Psalm

*Psalm 71:1-6*

**P** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

**C** In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!

**P** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

**C** you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**P** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

**C** For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**P** Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb.

**C** My praise is continually of you.

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C** as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

### Prayer of the Day

#### Old Testament Reading

✠ The Call of Jeremiah ✠

*Jeremiah 1:4-10*

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Anthem of Praise Duet

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Hymn #749

#### Epistle

✠ The Way of Love ✠

*1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13*

I will show you a still more excellent way. <sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Holy Gospel

✠ Jesus Heals a Man with an Unclean Demon ✠

*Luke 4:31-44*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup>and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup>And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>35</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. <sup>36</sup>And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” <sup>37</sup>And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. <sup>38</sup>And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup>And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. <sup>40</sup>Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup>And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. <sup>42</sup>And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup>but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” <sup>44</sup>And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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

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

### Confession of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

### Sermon Hymn

“Love in Christ is Strong and Living”

#706

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| 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,<br>Binding faithful hearts in one;<br>Love in Christ is true and giving.<br>May His will in us be done. | Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,<br>Reaching out in charity.                                                                       |
| 2 Love is patient and forbearing,<br>Clothed in Christ’s humility,                                                                             | 3 Love in Christ abides forever,<br>Fainting not when ills attend;<br>Love, forgiving and forgiven,<br>Shall endure until life’s end. |

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### Sermon

#### Prayer of the Church

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

**Vocalists:** *(Response)*

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

*(1<sup>st</sup> time vocalist only)*

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
Come and listen to me.**

**P** O God of love...

**C** *(Response)*

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

**P** These and all other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray, **AMEN.**

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### Offertory Meditation

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#### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Proper Preface**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Proclamation of Christ**

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...

**Lord’s Prayer**

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

**Pax Domini**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

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**Hymn**

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

#729

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| <p>1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,<br/>Trusting only Thee;<br/>Trusting Thee for full salvation,<br/>Great and free.</p> | <p>4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;<br/>Thou alone shalt lead,<br/>Ev’ry day and hour supplying<br/>All my need.</p>         |
| <p>2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;<br/>At Thy feet I bow,<br/>For Thy grace and tender mercy<br/>Trusting now.</p>        | <p>5 I am trusting Thee for power;<br/>Thine can never fail.<br/>Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me<br/>Must prevail.</p> |
| <p>3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing<br/>In the crimson flood;<br/>Trusting Thee to make me holy<br/>By Thy blood.</p>    | <p>6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;<br/>Never let me fall.<br/>I am trusting Thee forever<br/>And for all.</p>               |

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**Hymn**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

#783

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| <p>1 Take my life and let it be<br/>Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;<br/>Take my moments and my days,<br/>Let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p> | <p>2 Take my hands and let them move<br/>At the impulse of Thy love;<br/>Take my feet and let them be<br/>Swift and beautiful for Thee.</p> |
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3 Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## Communion Blessing

## Closing Prayer

## Benediction

## Closing Hymn

“May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

#698

1 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill  
And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey  
The law of Christian love.

One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same,  
A crown of life with Thee.

2 So may we join Thy name to bless,  
Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee.

3 Spirit of life, of love and peace,  
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live,  
In joyful hope to die.

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## Postlude

“Trumpet Voluntary”

J. Clarke



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**Continuing in our prayers:**

*Gene Wawrzynikowski, Simeon Hoppe, and Shirley Fairchild*

**We pray for those who grieve:**

*For the family and friends of Jeanette Reichard called from this life on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>; Christian burial took place on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.*

**Announcements & Notes:**

- **St Paul's Evangelism / Parish Ed Group** is again collecting new or gently used baby items to help support the work of the Southside Pregnancy Center in their ministry. You'll find lists of needed items on the tables in the narthex, and those items may be dropped off here through February 20<sup>th</sup>. Monetary gifts are also appreciated.
- **Mr. Chris Donnelly from the Southside Pregnancy Center** is our guest today for our Adult Bible Class in the Timothy Room after today's worship. Please join us.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Sunday** is next Sunday. "Coffee and..." will be served in Fellowship Hall. All are invited!

**Please pray for these friends and family of our members:**

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Eugene Marcinkowski	Roberta & Carlos Owens
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