



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, February 25th

PRELUDE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Exceling”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven earth.**

P: I acknowledged my sin to You,

C: **and I did not cover my iniquity;**

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: In the darkness of the world around us and amid our own blindness to His will and ways, God calls us to confess our sins.

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

Moment of Silent Confession

P: O almighty God, merciful Father:

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been so merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

C: Amen.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE “Called to Remember”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 [ESV]

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 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. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 12:28-34 [ESV]

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CREEDAL HYMN “We Believe in One True God”

SERMON “THE IDOL OF RELATIONSHIPS”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Largo”

Elizabeth Stirling

Judy Kurth, organ

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Soliloquy”

Organ

Gordon Young

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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