

# O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High Love That Deals Thoroughly With Sin

February 25, 2026  
11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## AS WE GATHER

God is “rich in mercy” (*Ephesians 2:4*) and “abounding in merciful love.” (*Exodus 34:6*) The enormity of God’s mercy drove St. Paul to his knees, fervently praying that others, too, might “have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.” (*Ephesians 3:18-19*) Such love and mercy stirred the souls of God’s Old Testament people as well, who exulted: “As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him...The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” (*Psalms 103:11, 17*) Oh, how deep, how broad, how high is the love of our God!

## PRELUDE

“Fantasy in C Minor”

J. S. Bach

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

544 Oh 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.
- 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.
- 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.**

## OPENING VERSICLES

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

Leader: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

People: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and He relents from sending calamity.**

Leader: Jesus said: "If any man would come after Me,

People: **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."**

Leader: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

People: **He was bruised for our iniquities.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

# OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE (congregation sings all)

*Refrain*



☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -  
 hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the  
 Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

## PSALM

Psalm 113

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.

People: **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now  
and forevermore.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

People: **The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his  
glory above the heavens.**

Leader: Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits  
enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on  
the heavens and the earth?

People: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the  
needy from the ash heap; he seats them with  
princes, with the princes of their people.**

Leader: He settles the barren woman in her home as a  
happy mother of children.

People: **Praise the LORD.**

## PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Eternal God, You so loved the world that You gave  
Your only Son into death for our sin. Take our  
lives, Lord, and use them to lift up Your Son so that  
all will be drawn to Him and find eternal life, for  
He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 7:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. <sup>19</sup> You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup> You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our fathers in days long ago.

## ANTHEM

*“Are You Washed in the Blood/I’ll Fly Away”*

Hoffman/Brumley

*Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing pow’r?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?*

*Refrain:*

*Are you washed in the blood,  
In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?  
Are your garments spotless?  
Are they white as snow?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?*

*Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin.  
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb;  
There’s a fountain flowing for the soul unclean.  
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb! [Refrain]*

*Some glad morning when this life is over, I’ll fly away  
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away*

*I’ll fly away, o Glory, I’ll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away*

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*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away  
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away*

*I'll fly away, o Glory, I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away*

## **THE PASSION HISTORY**

Matthew 26:1-35

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> "As you know, the Passover is two days away--and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. <sup>5</sup> "But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

<sup>6</sup> While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. <sup>8</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. <sup>9</sup> "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

<sup>10</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me.

<sup>12</sup> When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

<sup>14</sup> Then one of the Twelve--the one called Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup> and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. <sup>16</sup> From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

<sup>17</sup> On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>18</sup> He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" <sup>19</sup> So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."

<sup>22</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

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<sup>27</sup> Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

" 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

<sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

<sup>33</sup> Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

<sup>34</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

<sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY

Leader: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

People: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Leader: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

People: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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. 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.**

## HYMN

435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

## SERMON

*Love That Deals Thoroughly With Sin*

## OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **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.**

## COLLECT FOR THE WORD

**Leader:** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## MORNING PRAYER (11:00 a.m.)

**People:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## EVENING PRAYER (6:30 p.m.)

**People:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## BLESSING

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the  
✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

## POSTLUDE

“Alla breve”

J. F. K. Fischer

## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:		Charles Wallace
Liturgist:	11:00 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
	6:30 p.m.	Matthew Shipman
Singer:		Mark Petersen
Organist & Accompanist:		Rev. Arthur Eichhorn
Acolyte:	6:30 p.m.	Eve Zvirgzdins

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