

# O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High Love So Rich in Provision

March 4, 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

“Have Mercy Upon Me, O Lord”

J. S. Bach

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

### OPENING VERSICLES

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

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

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

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

Pastor: 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.**

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

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

Pastor: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

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

Pastor: 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

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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*

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

## PSALM

Psalm 114

Pastor: When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob  
from a people of foreign tongue,  
People: **Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his  
dominion.**

Pastor: The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back;  
People: **the mountains skipped like rams, the hills like  
lambs.**

Pastor: Why was it, O sea, that you fled, O Jordan, that  
you turned back,  
People: **you mountains, that you skipped like rams, you  
hills, like lambs?**

Pastor: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at  
the presence of the God of Jacob,  
People: **who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock  
into springs of water.**

## PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
God of love, You lifted up Your Son on the cross so  
that You could draw all people to Him. Fill us with  
thanksgiving for this incredible love that we dare  
to believe is ours. Help us to be faithful servants of  
Your new covenant, reaching out to all those whom  
You claim; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
People: **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-34

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

<sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

## HYMN

726 Evening and Morning

## THE PASSION HISTORY

Matthew 26:36-56

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

<sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

<sup>40</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup> "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

<sup>42</sup> He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

<sup>43</sup> When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

<sup>45</sup> Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." <sup>49</sup> Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup> Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup> With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

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<sup>52</sup> "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

<sup>55</sup> At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup> But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### RESPONSORY

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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**

**895      Now Thank We All Our God**

## **SERMON**

*Love So Rich in Provision*

## **OFFERING**

**"Now Thank We Our God"**

**J. S. Bach**

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

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

**Pastor:** 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.**

**Pastor:** 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.**

**Pastor:** 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.**

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

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

**Pastor:** 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.**

**Pastor:** 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.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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**

Pastor: 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

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

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

**Pastor:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**People:** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

**548** Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

# POSTLUDE

“Toccatà”

Gottlieb Muffat

## Serving at Chapel

Preacher:		Ellory Glenn
Liturgist:		Theodore Laesch
Organist:		Rev. Arthur Eichhorn
Acolyte:	6:30 p.m.	Kyleigh Hill

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