

**GATHERING, PRELUDE,**      *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*      430  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      *Bruce Allinson · Poem based on Psalm 100:*  
*Enter gates of joy, With thanksgiving, lift your voice.*  
*In His presence, hearts made new,*  
*Worship the Lord, with hearts that choose.*  
*Know that He is God, our Creator true,*  
**We are His people, His flock, His own anew.**  
*Enter His gates, with praise and cheer,*  
*Thank Him, bless Him, cast out every fear.*  
*For the Lord is good, His love forever shines,*  
*His faithfulness, through all our days, divine.*  
**So let us worship, with hearts full of cheer,**  
**And bless His holy name, year after year.**

**HYMN:**      *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*      **463**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**      *BCP*  
**Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of  
our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all  
people the Good News of his salvation, that  
we and the whole world may perceive the  
glory of his marvelous works; who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE:**      **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**  
**John 3:16-17, 1 John 4:9-12, 19-21**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**      *from Book of Worship*  
**Merciful God, we confess that  
we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**{ silent prayers }**

*Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.*  
**In Jesus Christ, we are freed and forgiven!**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen**

**CHOIR**      *The Gift of Love*      **408**

**SERMON**

**HYMN**      *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*      **175**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INTERCESSIONS**

**BRINGING OUR GIFTS**

*With joy and gratitude for all we have been given,  
in token of our lives, we offer our tithes and gifts to God.*

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER**

(Luke 4:21-30)

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**Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Hymnal pages 15-16*

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN**

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

**549**

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

- *Black Rock Prayer Book*

*The world now is too dangerous  
and too beautiful for anything but love.*

*May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.*

*Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.*

*May your hands be so blessed*

*that everything you touch is a sacrament.*

*Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.*

*May your feet be so blessed you run*

*to those who need you.*

*And may your heart be so opened,*

*so set on fire, that your love,*

*your love, changes everything.*

- *Celtic Prayers for Ordinary Life*

*... Deep Peace.*

**Deep Peace. Amen**

**POSTLUDE**

*Wonderful Words of Life*

**600**

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**February 2, 2025**

**11:00 am**

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*As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary*

**Year C – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany– February 2, 2025**

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Help me to be loving to others,  
                    to Earth, and to myself;  
                                    in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Evening Prayer:**

Holy One, this day is drawing to an end.  
Be with me as I pause and ponder  
                    all the love I saw and received today.  
Help me to see you in each moment of love.  
Where I fell short of being patient and kind,  
help me to feel your patience and kindness toward me,  
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