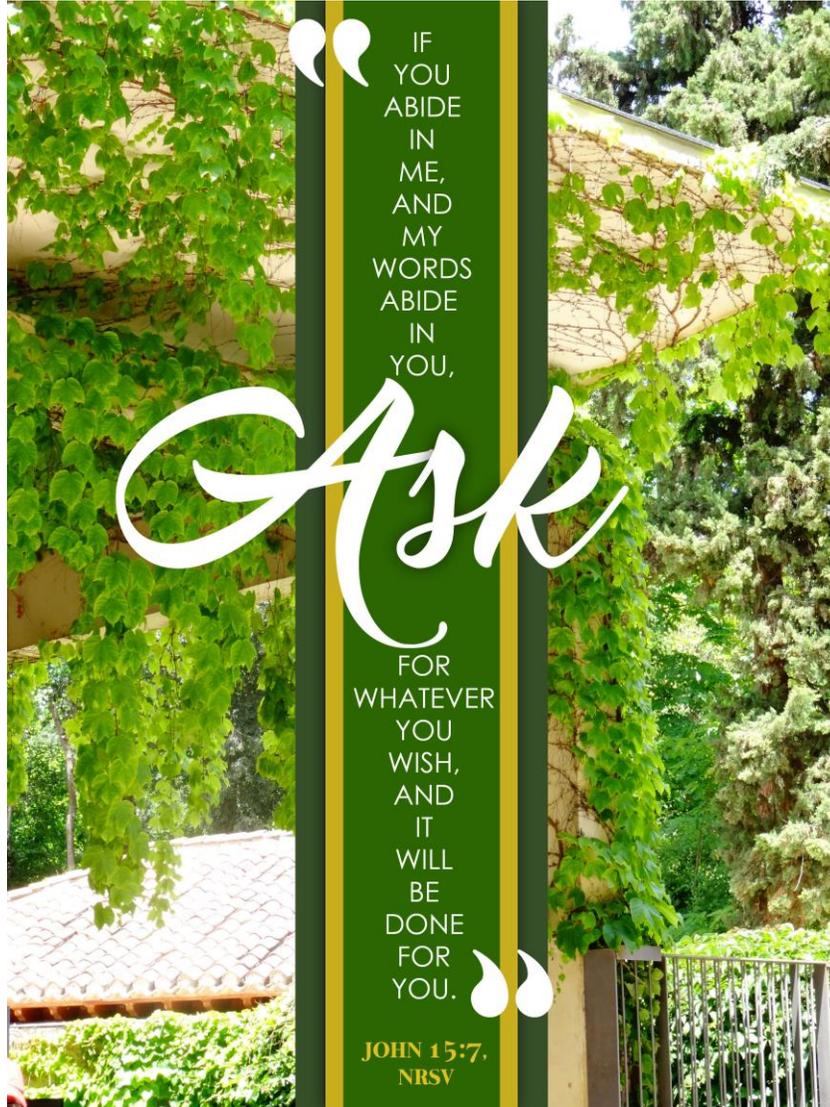


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Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal # 379

God is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him

1

God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

2

God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

3

God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say together

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to god in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Lector: Brenda Whiteman

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 8:26-40)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at

Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

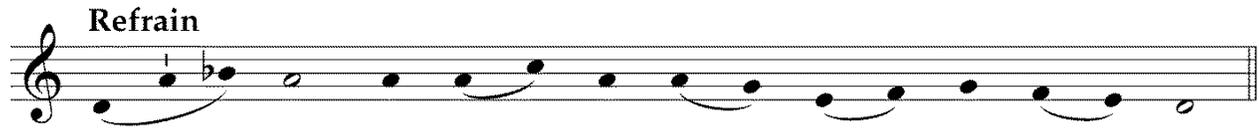
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All sing Refrain together

Psalm 22:24–30

Cantor: Fay Manicke

Refrain



Make known the sav - ing deeds that God has done.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

Refrain

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

Refrain

My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Refrain

Second Reading**Lector: Lee Whiteman****A Reading from the First letter of John (1 John 4:7-21)**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**Sequence Hymn****Hymnal # 448****O Love, How Deep, How Broad,
How High**

1
O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2
For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

3
For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:

by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

4
For us to wicked men betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.

5
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.

All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;

the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Cox, Deacon

Anthem

How Can I Keep from Singing

Arr. Kevin Clarke

St. James Music Press*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me rears, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, Songs in the nights it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of Heav'n and earth, How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing;
When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled, How can I keep from singing?

All say together

A Statement of Faith based on Galatians 3:26-28

We are all children of God.

There is no longer Jew or Greek.

There is no longer slave or free.

There is no longer male and female.

For we are all one.

We believe Jesus lived for this and died for this.

We pledge ourselves with God's help and the support of each other to make this become a reality.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lector: Chinweze Ahaghotu

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Lector: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(The people may add their own petitions).

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

Celebrant and People:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Litany During the Coronavirus Pandemic

Lector: Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Lector: Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Lord, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

“The Coronavirus Prayer” was written by Kerry Weber, an executive editor for America Magazine.

Closing Hymn

LEVAS # 62

In Christ There is No East or West

1
In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2
In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding human kind.

3
Join hands, disciples of the faith,
What e'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

4
In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Blessing

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Postlude

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We remember God's holy catholic church, including Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; William, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Peter, Noel, and Bruce, priest associates; Carol and Chris, our Deacons, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including David, Joe Morris, and Sylvestre, retired Bishops; and the Members and Ministry of the Task Force on Review of Canons.

We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God.

We remember our Confirmation Candidates: **Aniyah McKoy, Euphenia Tejada, Magnus Ameh, Jordan Scipio, and Carlos Caesar.**

We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with **those who have lost their jobs, for the cessation of hate crimes against Asians, Victoria, Sidaya, Robin & John, Sweetpea, Sheryl, the Boyce family, Pearl, Cindy, Ron, Jack and Sandy, Marcel, Shelton, Elsie, the Pilgrim family, Yves, the Colorado shooting victims, the People of Alabama, Wipson, Erica, Lewis, Edward, Janet, Marie, Lloyd, the Benoit Weber family, the Wright family, Luna, the Island of St. Vincent, Christopher, Marietta, Mr. Grothers, Paul, Joanna, Charmaine, John, the Michaud family, the Bryant family, Linda, Amber, the Duggan family and all those affected by Covid-19.**

We remember those who have died, especially **Lloyd "Butch" Duggan**, the victims of gun violence in Trenton, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.

We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Debbie Raab, Laretta Ketter, Samuel Richards, Mary Hopkins, Hibbert Duncan and Lawrence Monte.**

Our Vision:

A visible agent of God's love in Christ, joyfully embracing all people.

Our Mission:

God is here; Jesus loves you.

**We are a welcoming, diverse community sharing God's love,
Spreading the Gospel, and caring for all people and God's creation.
Come join us.**

The Rt. Rev. William "Chip" H. Stokes, Bishop
The Very Rev. René Rory John, Dean
The Rev. Canon Dr. Noel Amadi, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge, Priest Associate
The Rev. Bruce Montgomery, Priest Associate
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