

All Age Communion Service - 8 February - LOVE

Collect:

Loving God, we give you thanks, for knowing that on this journey of faith, should we ever wander or lose our way, you are there, loving us, still waiting for us to return to your open welcoming arms, offering a new beginning for all who once were lost but now are safe.

First reading:

Psalm 63: 1-8

God, you are my God.
I want to follow you.
My whole being thirsts for you, like a man in a dry, empty land where there is no water.
I have seen you
 in the Temple.
I have seen your
 strength and glory.
Your love is better than life.
I will praise you.
I will praise you
 as long as I live.
I will lift up my hands
in prayer to your name.
I will be content as if I had eaten the best foods.
My lips will sing.
My mouth will praise you.
I remember you while I'm lying in bed. I think about you through the night.
You are my help.
Because of your protection,
 I sing.
I stay close to you.
You support me with your right hand.

Second reading:

Romans 8: 28-30, 37-39

We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. They are the people God called, because that was his plan. God knew them before he made the world. And God chose them to be like his Son. Then Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers. God planned for them to be like his Son. And those he planned to be like his Son, he also called. And those he called, he also made right with him. And those he made right, he also glorified.

But in all these things we have full victory through God who showed his love for us. Yes, I am sure that nothing can separate us from the love God has for us. Not death, not life, not angels, not ruling spirits, nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us, nothing below us, or anything else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

I loved you as the Father loved me.
Now remain in my love. I have obeyed my Father's commands, and I remain in his love.
In the same way, if you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have.
I want your joy to be the fullest joy.
"This is my command: Love each other as I have loved you. The greatest love a person can show is to die for his friends.
You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants now. A servant does not know what his master is doing. But now I call you friends because I have made known to you everything I heard from my Father.
You did not choose me; I chose you.
And I gave you this work, to go and produce fruit. I want you to produce fruit that will last.
Then the Father will give you anything you ask for in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

Post-Communion

May we always feel God's love and presence in our lives,
and may our faith open doors to a world filled with peace, love and hope.

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