

Our readings today read like a love story – the kind of love that calls us home to ourselves, to one another, to God. It is through love that we find our way into a deeper relationship with God and a more compassionate way of living.

Luke tells the story of Zacchaeus, the outcast tax collector, short in stature, who climbed the sycamore tree to see Jesus. Zacchaeus' desire to see Jesus unites him with Jesus' desire to seek and to save. Jesus invites himself into Zacchaeus' home, into his life, no judgments, no questions asked, only love – a love that seeks to be with – a love that melts all hearts. Zacchaeus responded wholeheartedly to Jesus' love and seeks to make amends to those he hurt. Love found a home that day.

When has the love of God melted your heart through the care or compassion of another? How has that changed your life?

Today, let us open our hearts to the God who longs to love us just as we are. May that love flow through us to all we meet this day.