## Reading of God's Holy Word

Exodus 34:6-7
${ }^{6}$ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ${ }^{7}$ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Proverbs. 16:32
${ }^{32}$ Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.
James 3:13
${ }^{13}$ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.

1Corinthians 13:4-13
${ }^{4}$ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ${ }^{5}$ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ${ }^{6}$ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ${ }^{7}$ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
${ }^{8}$ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ${ }^{9}$ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ${ }^{10}$ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ${ }^{11}$ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ${ }^{12}$ For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.
${ }^{13}$ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

## The Properties of Love, Part 1, Patience and Kindness

