



SOTC Virtual Worship
April 9, 2020 (Maundy Thursday)

GATHERING

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG – *Just As I Am*

Congregation is invited to light their candle as a sign of God's presence with us as we begin worship.



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathering this night, we come...
remembering the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.

Gathering this night, we come...
remembering his new covenant of broken bread and cup.

Gathering this night, we come...
remembering his night alone in the garden in prayer.

Gathering this night, we come...
remembering the imminent suffering of our Lord Jesus.

Gathering this night, we come...
asking for Christ to come and dine with us.

Gathering this night, we come...
searching for peace that only Christ can give.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, as you gathered with your closest friends on the eve of your death, we gather here with each other. Prepare our hearts to hear your Word of Truth and receive your promise of life, given and shed for even people such as us. By your Spirit, guide us in the days ahead, as we remember *and experience* your love given for us. Restore us, forgive us, and keep us in your grace, O God. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WORD

READING: LUKE 22: 1-23

¹Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." ⁹They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" ¹⁰"Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and

divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

REFLECTION

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God our creator,
in the beginning, when darkness covered the face of the deep, you spoke and said, "Let there be light."
In the night you gave Jacob a dream of heaven and earth joined by ascending and descending angels;
in the night you guided your people through the wilderness by a pillar of fire;
in the night you called to Samuel, son of Hannah;
in the night you led Mary and Joseph to a manger where Jesus was born;
in the night the angels sang your praises;
in the night you shook the prison doors open and freed Paul and Silas from their chains;
in the night you rolled the stone away from Jesus' tomb;
in the night you appeared to your disciples, speaking peace to their fears. And now, as we gather at your table, we praise you for all your wonders and faithfulness through the night.

Remembering your presence with us on *this night*, we remember that it was in the night in which he was betrayed, that our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, even at a distance, let us pray as Jesus taught us...
Our Father, who art in heaven...

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

You are encouraged to share bread/crackers and wine/grape juice with those in your household, saying "The body of Christ, given for you," and "the blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are by yourself, hear the words proclaimed by Pastor Aleese as words spoken for you. All are welcome to share in God's feast that makes us one.

SENDING

BLESSING AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

From this night, we go forth into the world,
to love as Christ loved and serve in the name of Jesus.

From this night, we go forth into the world,
trusting that Christ has come among us here, and goes with us on our way.

From this night, we go forth into the world,
confident of Christ's love that has filled us with peace and life.

So from this night, go forth in the name of the One who loved you until the end.
Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

All are invited to share the sign of the peace with those in their homes or via text/phone call/virtually with others in the congregation!

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