



SOTC Virtual Worship
May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathered in the presence of God and one another, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

Gracious Father,
you sent your Son to die and rise again so that death might be conquered, and so that we might live a new life in Christ. Yet, we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to sin, to doubt, to fear, and to brokenness that only leads to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and marred your image within us. Father, we need a resurrection. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may rise up to live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

People of God, hear the Good News! Christ is risen! In his death and resurrection, you have been offered a *new* beginning as the old things die and you are made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, + your sin is forgiven, and death no longer holds power over you. Go, and live as a resurrected child of God.

Amen! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG – *Now the Feast and Celebration, ELW 167*

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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

Almighty and ever-living God, in you we move, and live, and have our being. Fill us with your divine breath, and teach us to walk in your ways of love and freedom. In your great mercy, hear the prayers of all your children this day, and open our hearts to receive your Spirit of Truth. We pray this in the name of the one who gave his life for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

WORD

PSALM: PSALM 66: 8-20

⁸Bless our God, O peoples,
**let the sound of his praise be heard,
⁹who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;

¹²you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

**I will pay you my vows,
¹⁴those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
**with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats**

¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.

¹⁷I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the LORD would not have listened.

¹⁹But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God,
**because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

READING: JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to “Lord in your mercy” is “hear our prayer.” If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com

MEAL

SONG: *Come and Fill Our Hearts, ELW 528*

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

May the blessing of the one who brought forth Jesus from the dead,
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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!