



SOTC Outdoor Worship
July 5, 2020
Fifth Weekend after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Congregation is invited to join in a communal beat as demonstrated by the worship leader.

In the name of the Father **(echo)**
in the name of the Son **(echo)**
in the name of the Spirit **(echo)**
all three in one **(echo)**.

We are claimed by the Father **(echo)**
we are claimed by the Son **(echo)**
we are claimed by the Spirit **(echo)**
gathered up as one **(echo)**.

Gathered in the bond of the Holy Trinity – the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we give thanks for God’s promises to us given through baptism. Let us pray: Good and gracious God...

Following the prayer, the congregation is invited to pour water from their water bottle onto their hands. Feel the water washing over your skin, reminding you that your sin and the blemishes that mar our common humanity, are forgiven. Freed from sin, you are water-washed and Spirit-born, sent out on purpose for a purpose in Christ’s name.

With hands still wet from the water, make the sign of the cross on another in your circle or on yourself, saying, “(Name), you are chosen, claimed, and called by God.”

In the name of the Father **(echo)**
in the name of the Son **(echo)**
in the name of the Spirit **(echo)**
all three in one **(echo)**.

We are sent by the Father **(echo)**
we are sent by the Son **(echo)**
we are sent by the Spirit **(echo)**
sent out as one **(echo)**.

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

WORD

PSALM: PSALM 145: 1-14

¹I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴**One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

⁵**On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

⁶The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.

⁷They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰**All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴**The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

READING: MATTHEW 11: 16-19, 25-30

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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 pastor@shepherdofthecross.org

MEAL

MOMENT OF THANKS

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Congregation is invited to share communion elements with those in their circle, 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. If you need communion elements, please inform an usher or greeter. All are welcome to share in God's feast that makes us one.

SENDING

BLESSING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the blessing of our almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

All are invited to share the sign of the peace with those around them by using a peace sign or a gentle bow. Congregation is invited to remain for a time of fellowship while physically distancing.