



SOTC Outdoor Worship
August 1, 2020
Ninth Weekend after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

Amen.

Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy, we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Your sin is forgiven. Live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING: ISAIAH 55: 1-5

- ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
- ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

PSALM: PSALM 145: 8-9, 14-21

- ⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹**The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**
- ¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**
- ¹⁶You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷**The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.**
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

**¹⁹He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.**

²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

**²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14: 13-21

Before the reading, the response to the Gospel announcement is
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

After the reading, the response to "The Gospel of our Lord" is
Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR OWEN CHRISTY

Presentation

Lead by Pastor Aleese and Jon Thoma, congregational representative.

Profession of Faith

Congregation is invited to join Owen as he renounces the power of sin and confesses the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Owen shares personal faith statement.

Affirmation

Pastor Aleese addresses Owen:

Through the words of the church, and in your own words, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you, Owen, now intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Owen responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor Aleese addresses the congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support Owen and pray for him in his life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Prayer of blessing is offered by Pastor Aleese and family.

Following prayer and giving of gifts, the congregation is invited to join in the following response:

Let us rejoice with Owen, our brother in Christ:

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Charge and commission is given for Owen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others using a peace sign or gentle bow. Please refrain from physical touch.

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

DISMISSAL

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.

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