



SOTC Worship
April 18, 2021
Third Sunday after Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Gathered in the presence of God and each other, 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 us 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.

Hear the Good News! Christ is risen and the stone has been rolled away. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is your 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. You are free to live as a resurrected child of God.

Amen! Alleluia!

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

Let us pray -

Good and gracious God, you are the author of life, and out of your great love, you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to your Good News: the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S EASTER PAGEANT

HYMN

TODAY IS THE DAY

Words and Music by
Lincoln Brewster and Paul Baloche

Verse 1

I'm casting my cares aside.
I'm leaving my past behind.
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours,
believing there's so much more,
knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Chorus

Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Today is the day You have made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
And I won't worry about tomorrow;
I'm trusting in what You say. Today is the day.
Today is the day.

Verse 2

I'm putting my fears aside.
I'm leaving my doubts behind.
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours,
believing there's so much more,
knowing that all You have in store for me is good, it's good.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

I will stand upon Your truth. (*echo*)
And all my days, I'll live for You. (*echo*)
And I will stand upon Your truth. (*echo*)
And all my days, I'll live for You. (*echo*)

Repeat Chorus

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Congregation gathered in-person is invited to share a sign of peace with others using a peace sign or gentle bow. Please refrain from physical touch. For those gathered both in-person and digitally, take a moment to pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!

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.

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 ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Congregation is invited to share communion elements with those in their family, saying "The body of Christ, given for you," and "the blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are worshipping on your own, hear the words proclaimed by Pastor Aleese as God's Word of promise is spoken to you. All are welcome to share in God's feast given to us in love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

Go forth with renewed hope,
trusting in the transforming love of God.

God does not leave things as they are.
With God, all things are made new.

Nothing is beyond the reach of God. For Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as you go forth from worship, may 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

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