



SOTC Worship
September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

GOD IS HERE



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



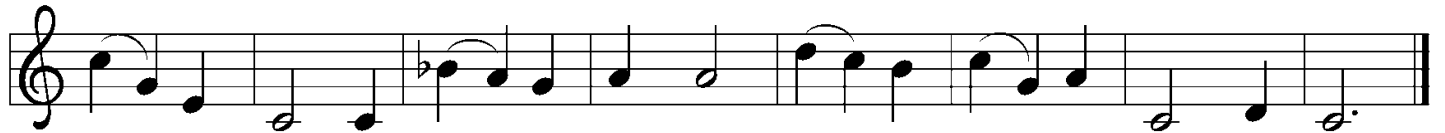
praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathered in the presence of God and each other, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

Lord God, we pause to confess our shortcomings in life and love. We want to live life to the fullest, and yet we find ourselves disillusioned or disappointed. We want to have deep, meaningful relationships, and yet we short circuit those we love with our own selfishness. We want to follow the pull of your Spirit, and yet we turn to other pursuits. We want to live in union with you, and yet we turn away. Lord God, forgive us our sin, heal our wounds, and give us the power to change. Shower us with your grace that we may joyfully live with you and one another, all in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

People of God, hear the good news: through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the price of sin has been paid in full and we stand before God as restored and reformed people of faith. You are freed from your sin, from all that binds you, and from the wounds you carry. Receive Christ's grace, and go forth, empowered by the Spirit, to live in newness of life.

Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON/BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

READING: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

PSALM: PSALM 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

**²Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For the insolent have risen against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them.

⁴But surely, God is my helper;
the LORD is the upholder of my life.

**⁵He will repay my enemies for their evil.
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.**

⁶With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

**⁷For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

READING: JAMES 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to

yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Leader sings first, congregation sings second time.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff is for the leader and the second staff is for the congregation. The music consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. There are rests between the words 'Al', 'le', 'lu', and 'ia'.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

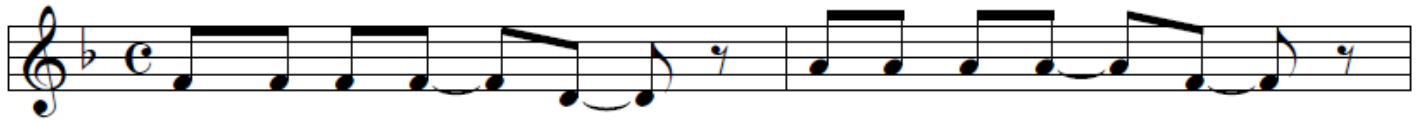
The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON



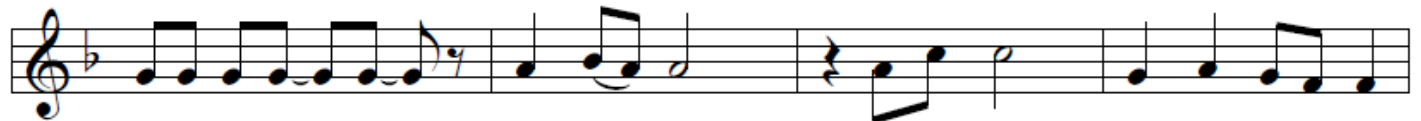
Lis - ten my sis - ter, lis - ten my broth - er,
Where there is hurt - ing, we share the hurt - ing.
Where there is suf - fring, we share the suf - fring.



so man - y fea - tures, so man - y col - ors;
Where there is jus - tice, we share the jus - tice.
Where there is prais - ing, we share the prais - ing.



I have not loved you like I should love you
Where there is mer - cy, we share the mer - cy
Where there is free - dom, we share the free - dom



if I be - lieve that God is love. Ev - 'ry face, All My Rel - a - tives.
if we be - lieve that God is love.
if we be - lieve that God is love.



Ev - 'ry race, All My Rel - a - tives. Ev - 'ry place, All My Rel - a - tives.



Hear cre - a - tion sing, one with ev - 'ry - thing.

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 is invited to share a sign of peace with others. 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

OFFERING

MAKE ME A SERVANT

♩ = 82

F Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷ Gm⁷ B^b/C C⁷

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me lift up

7 B \flat /F F F^{2sus} F A Dm Dm/C G²/B B \flat m⁶

those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

13 F/A Gm⁷ F/A Gm⁷

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

17 F/C C^{7sus} F²

make me a ser - vant to - day.

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

Presider: *Congregation:*

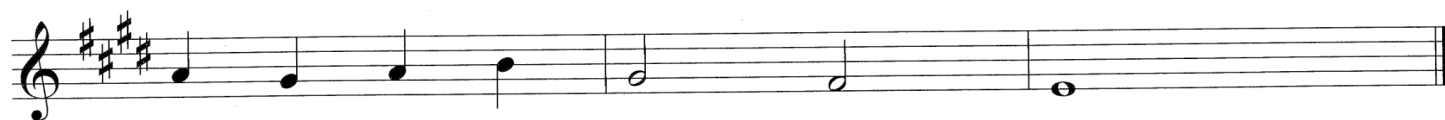
you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:


thanks to the Lord our God. It is




right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

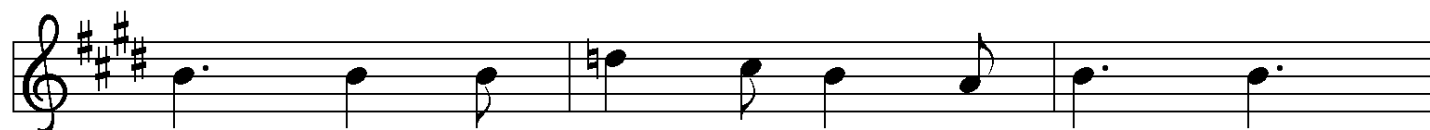
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and




might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 receive the sacrament communally with the entire congregation or within their family units. 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.


LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



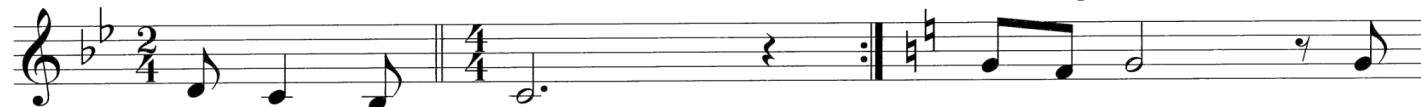
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
* you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:




world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:

Final time Cong. or assistant:

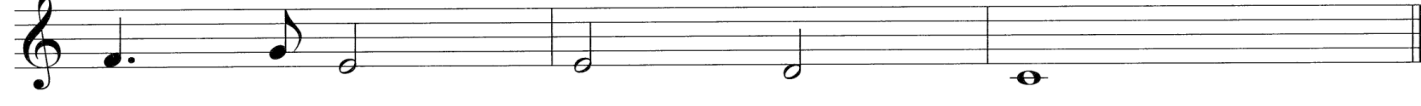


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

REFINER'S FIRE

♩=72 VERSE

E B/D# C#m F#m7



1. Pu - ri - fy — my heart, — let me be as gold and
 2. Pu - ri - fy — my heart, — cleanse me from with - in and

4 B^{sus} B B^{sus} B E B/D# C#m7 F#m7



pre - cious sil - ver. Pu - ri - fy — my heart, — let me be as gold,
 make me ho - ly. Pu - ri - fy — my heart, — cleanse me from my sin,

⌘ CHORUS

8 E/B B E A² B E A²



pure — gold. Re - fin - er's — fire: — My heart's — one de - sire .
 deep with-in.

12 B E/B E B E A



— is to be ho - ly, set — a - part for You, .

16 B^{sus} B E B E A



— Lord. I choose to be ho - ly, set — a - part for — You, .

20 B^{sus} B Last time to Coda ⊕ F#m7 B^{sus} B 1.
B^{sus}/C#



— my Mas - ter; Read - y to — do — Your — will. —

INSTRUMENTAL

23 B C#m7 E/G# A2 E B^{sus}/F# E/G#

26 E/A B E 2. B^{sus}/C# B/D# B D.S. al Coda

29 Coda F#m7 B^{sus} B E

Read - y to ___ do ___ Your will. ___

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

STEP BY STEP

♩ = 104

G D C C/D

O God, You are my ___ God, and I will ev - er praise -

4 G D C C/D

You. O God, You are my ___ God, and I will ev - er praise -

8 G Em D C

You. I will seek You in the morn - ing, and I will learn to walk in Your _

12 Am G

ways; _____ And step by step Youll lead ___

14 D C C/D G

_ me, and I will fol - low You all of my ___ days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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Thanks be to God!

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