

----- GATHERING -----

Prelude

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

SUNG WITH TONE CHIMES



- 1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the beau-ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de light,
- 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
- 5 For each per-fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



love which from our birth for the o - ver and a - round us lies: hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars light: of mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound for the and sight: friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild: to our world so for thy - self, best gift di - vine, free - lv giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

OPENING LITANY

God's healing power calls disciples to live courageously.

Let us courageously live for the Lord.

To stand up to powers, injustice and greed,

Let us courageously live for the Lord.

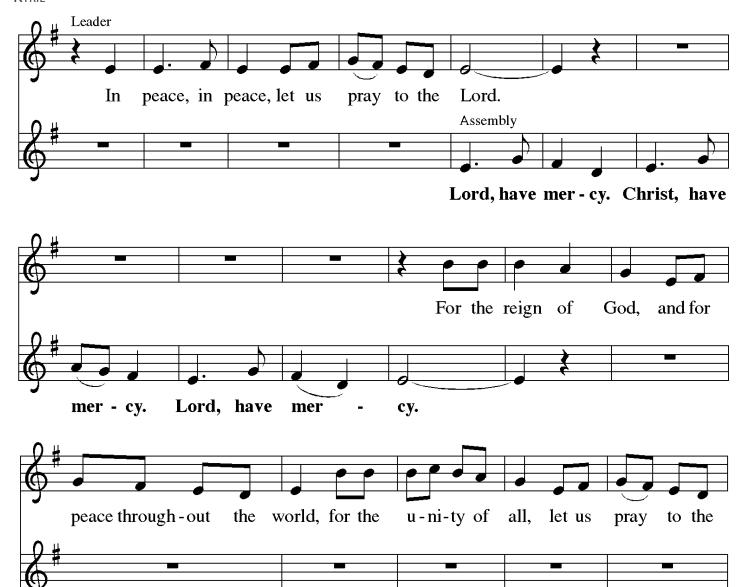
To graciously tend to all those in need,
Let us courageously live for the Lord.
To boldly cry out, seeking healing we crave,
Let us courageously live for the Lord.
To share the Good News that Christ came to save,
Let us courageously live for the Lord.

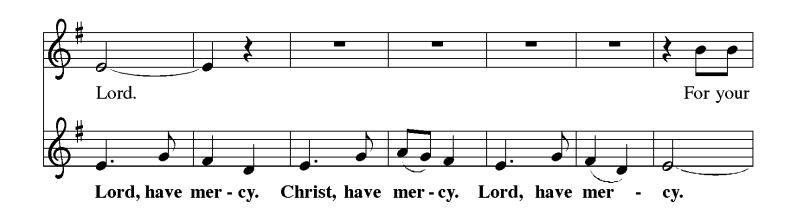
GREETING

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

PSALM: PSALM 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. ⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. ⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

READING: HEBREWS 7:23-28

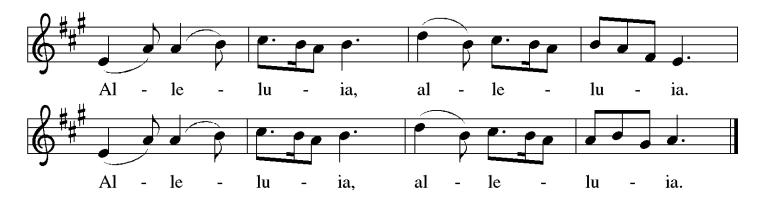
²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MARK 10:46-52

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁶As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him

here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

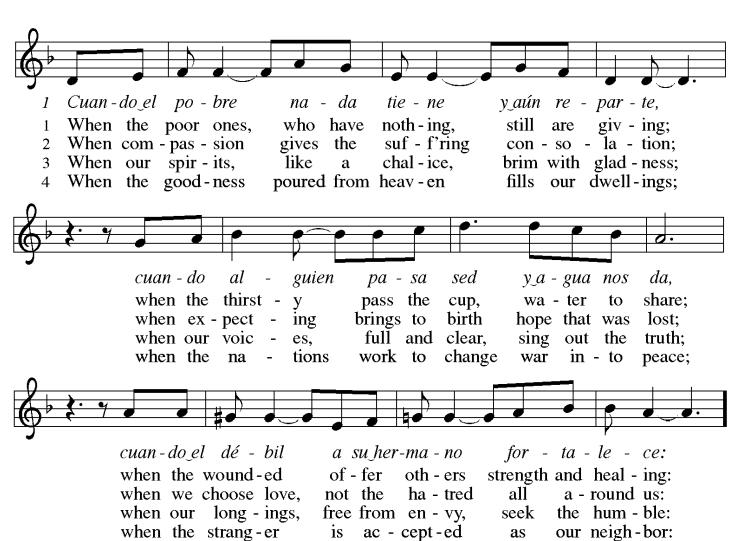
The Gospel of our Lord.

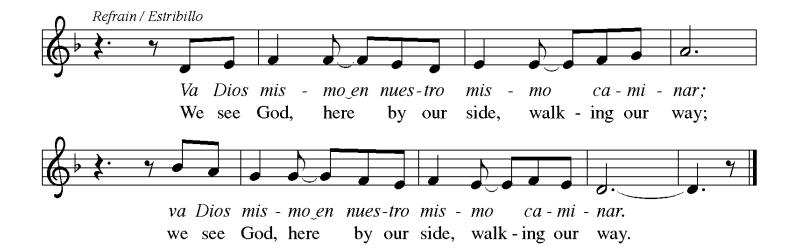
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

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When the Poor Ones





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!

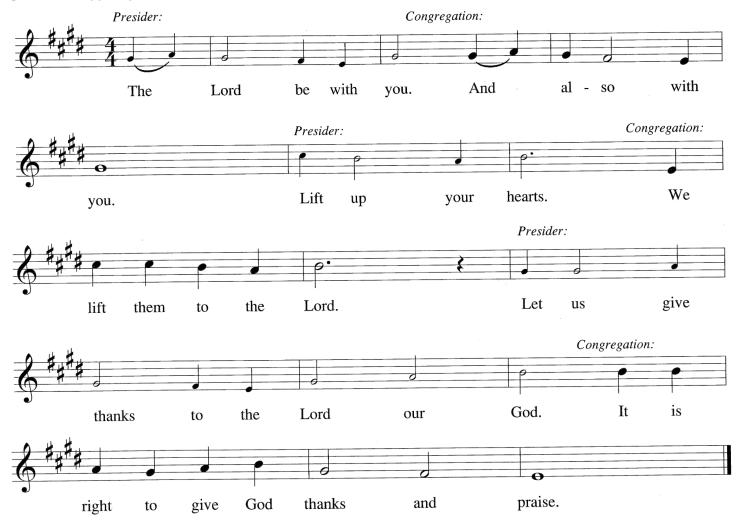
Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!

OFFERING



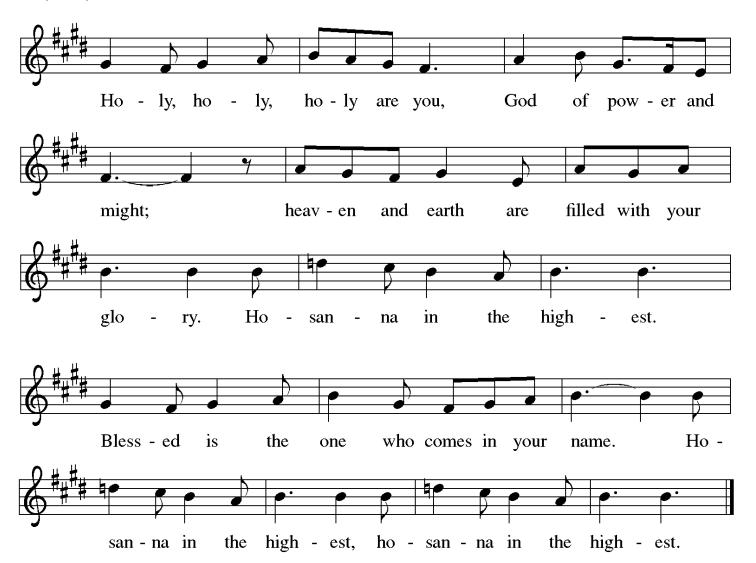
OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

All are welcome to share in God's feast given to us in love. Please come forward at the invitation of the usher. Receive the bread with open hands. If you do not desire to receive communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



BLESSING



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Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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