

SOTC Worship  
November 21, 2021  
Christ the King Sunday

————— GATHERING —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

I WAS GLAD

*Refrain*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us

go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they

said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

1 Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,  
2 Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,  
3 Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed.

gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;  
mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly word,  
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named.



God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,  
here will be re - peat - ed; peace to all pro - claimed,  
Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong.



make the walls and raf - ters ring.  
shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.  
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.

#### 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.**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### WORD

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### PSALM: PSALM 122

<sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

<sup>2</sup> **Our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup> Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together.

<sup>4</sup> **To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> **For there the thrones for judgment were set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.**

<sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

**“May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup> **Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers.”**

<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my relatives and friends

I will say, “Peace be within you.”

<sup>9</sup> **For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.**

#### READING: EPHESIANS 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup> So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN

BE MY HOME



Be my Sav - ior; be my heart's de - light.

Be my vi - sion; be my guid - ing light.

Storms may press a - gainst me, threat-en to pre - vail.

Be my ref - uge; be my shel - ter from the storm.

Be my love that keeps me warm; be my

Sav - ior, be my light; be my home.

## 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 THE PEOPLE

*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](mailto: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

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## 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 God 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.**

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### SHARING GOD'S MEAL TOGETHER

*All are welcome to share in God's feast given to us in love.*

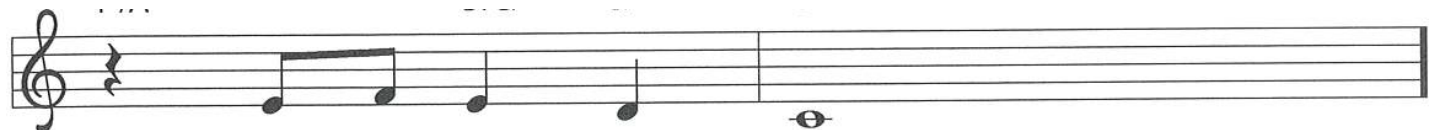
*Please come forward at the invitation of the usher. Receive the bread with open hands.*

*If you do not desire to receive communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing.*

### COMMUNION SONG

### HERE IS BREAD

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,  
he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,  
he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,  
he is with us. We'll pro - claim till he comes



Christ is with us here.  
feast on Je - sus here.  
Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

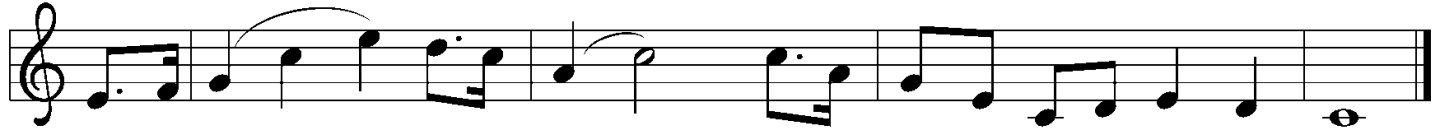


with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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