



SOTC Worship
January 23, 2022
Third Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

ELW 843

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

People of God, rejoice in this good news: In ✙ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Receive Christ's grace, and go forth, living as freed and forgiven children of God.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and gracious God, we give you thanks for your living Word - Jesus Christ - who has freed us to live in abundant life. Lead us, now, to dwell in the word of your Scriptures; and by the power of your Spirit, give us faith to trust that your promises are being fulfilled within us. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING: NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

PSALM: PSALM 19

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

³There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸**the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**
⁹the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
¹²**But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.**
¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

ANCIENT WORDS

MODERATELY SLOW G D G

1. HO - LY _____ WORDS LONG PRE - SERVED FOR OUR
(3.) WORDS OF OUR FAITH, HAND - ED



WALK IN THIS WORLD, THEY RE - SOUND WITH GOD'S OWN
DOWN TO THIS AGE, CAME TO US THROUGH SAC - RI -



HEART. OH, LET THE AN - CIENT WORDS IM - PART.
FICE. OH, HEED THE FAITH - FUL WORDS OF CHRIST.

VERSE



2. WORDS OF LIFE, WORDS OF HOPE, GIVE US
4. HO - LY WORDS, LONG PRE - SERVED FOR OUR



STRENGTH, HELP US COPE. IN THIS WORLD WHER - E'ER WE
WALK IN THIS WORLD, THEY RE - SOUND WITH GOD'S OWN



ROAM, AN - CIENT WORDS WILL GUIDE US HOME. } AN - CIENT
HEART. OH, LET THE AN - CIENT WORDS IM - PART. }

C CHORUS



WORDS, EV - ER TRUE, CHANG - ING ME AND CHANG - ING YOU. WE HAVE

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PART. WE HAVE COME WITH O - PEN HEARTS. OH, LET THE AN - CIENT WORDS IM - PART.

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 SONG

LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET

ELW 523

OFFERING PRAYER

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

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine, remain with your group until Pastor Aleese offers a short blessing, dismissing each group to return to their seats. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

ELW 496

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path;
and may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

SEND US OUT



We have been called by the Lord. We have been saved by the Word.
We who were bound by our shame, ruled by our fears with - in.



Now let the Word be re - stored. Now let the Gos - pel be heard. Send us
Stand and de - clare by the name free - dom from all of our sin.



out to teach what God has done. Send us out to reach ev - 'ry



sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.



Teach what God has done. Reach ev - 'ry sin - gle one.



Teach what God has done. Reach ev - 'ry sin - gle one. Send us

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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