



SOTC Worship
March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

ELW 335

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

After a call to confession, Pastor Aleese invites the congregation to pray together:

Holy One,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
and we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Forgive us, according to your mercy, and turn us again to you,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, no matter how many times we mess up, no matter how far we wander, and no matter how broken we feel, God's grace gathers you under His wings of love.

So hear and believe this good news: In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and you are drenched in God's mercy. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING: GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

PSALM: PSALM 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

²When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh —
**my adversaries and foes —
they shall stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
**though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.**

⁴One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
**to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.**

⁶Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹**Do not hide your face from me.**

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
**and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.**

¹²Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
**for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

THY HOLY WINGS

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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

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

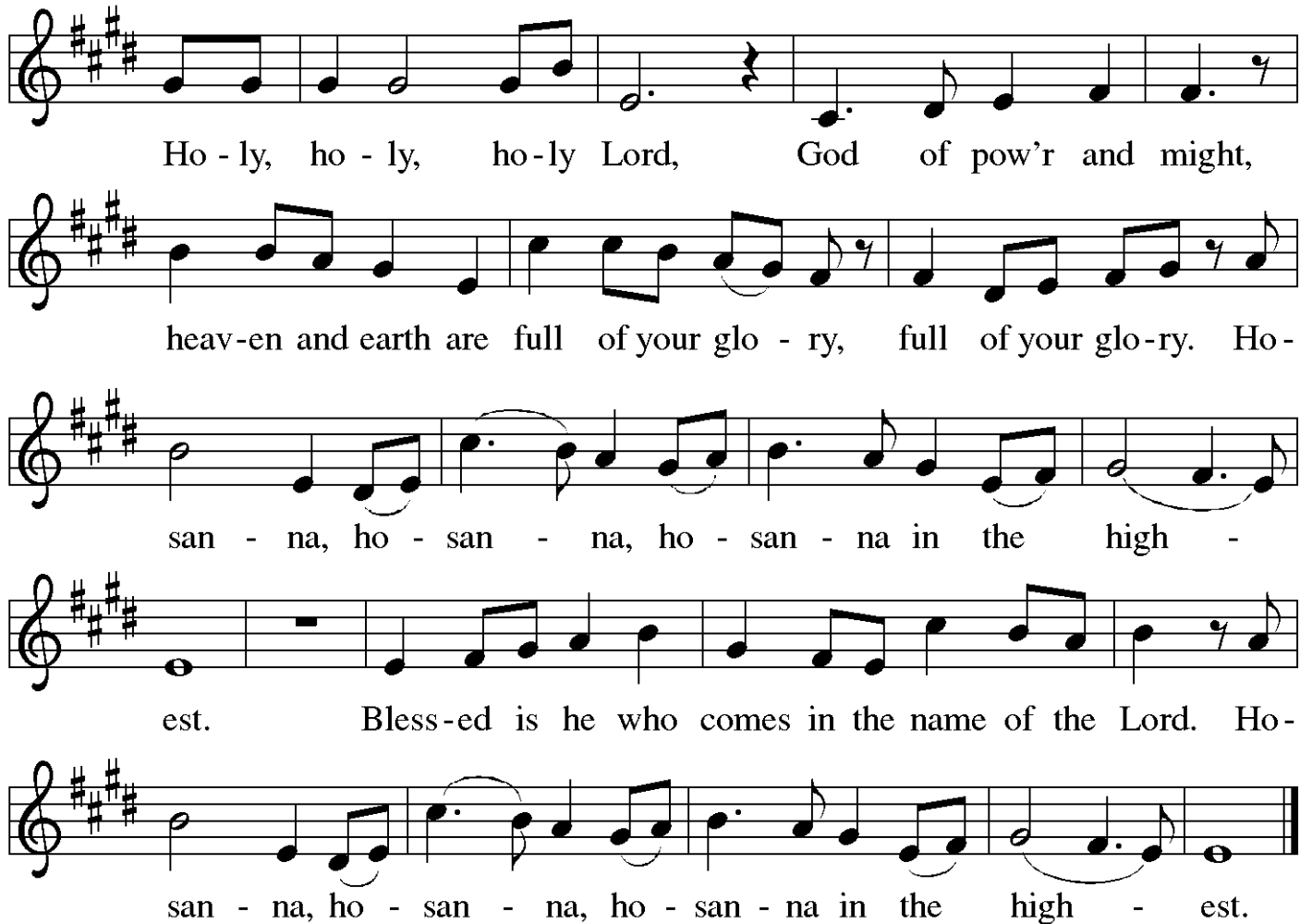
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

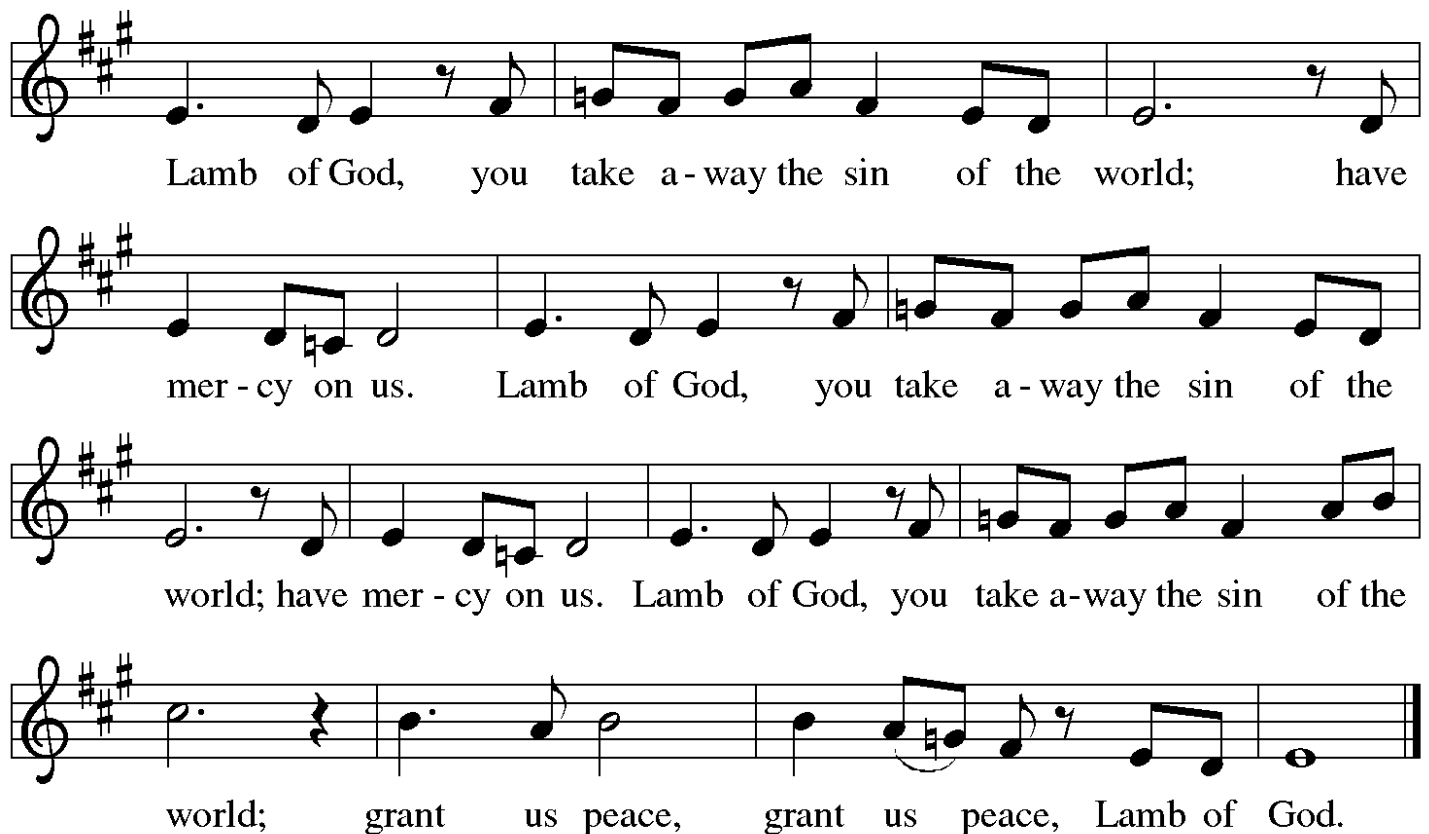
SHARING GOD'S MEAL TOGETHER

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

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

BLESSING

As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you hope without restraint.
May you recognize joy, even amidst the mire.
And may you find yourself filled to the brim with God's gift of grace,
implanted within you to ever-transform you according to God's image.

In the name of our Triune God,
the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
go in peace, full to the brim.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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