C SOTC Worship March 20, 2022 Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING —

Prelude

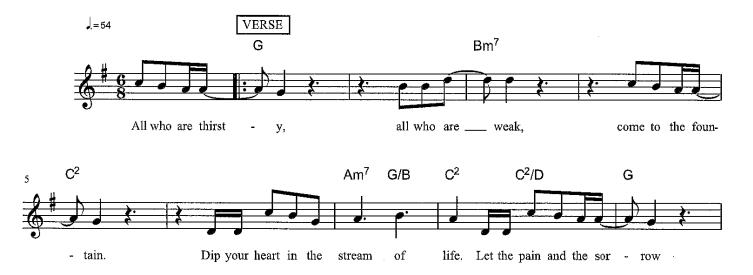
Welcome

 $\mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{ALL}} \text{ to } \mathsf{W}_{\mathsf{ORSHIP}}$

Come, all who are thirsty. **Come, all who are seeking.** Come, all who are waiting. **Come, all who labor.** Come, all who need rest. **Come, all who dream dreams.** Come whether you're young or old, confident or curious, lonely or hopeful. **For this is God's house, and Christ's table. All are welcome here. Let us worship our holy God.**

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ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY





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

- Word ------CHILDREN'S SERMON READING: ISAIAH 55:1-9 ¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM: PSALM 63:1-8

¹O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
³Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
⁴So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
⁵My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
⁶when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷for you have been my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

⁸My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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

GOSPEL: LUKE 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He

replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

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

Sermon

Hymn

COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY

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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 <u>pastor@shepherdofthecross.org</u>

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!

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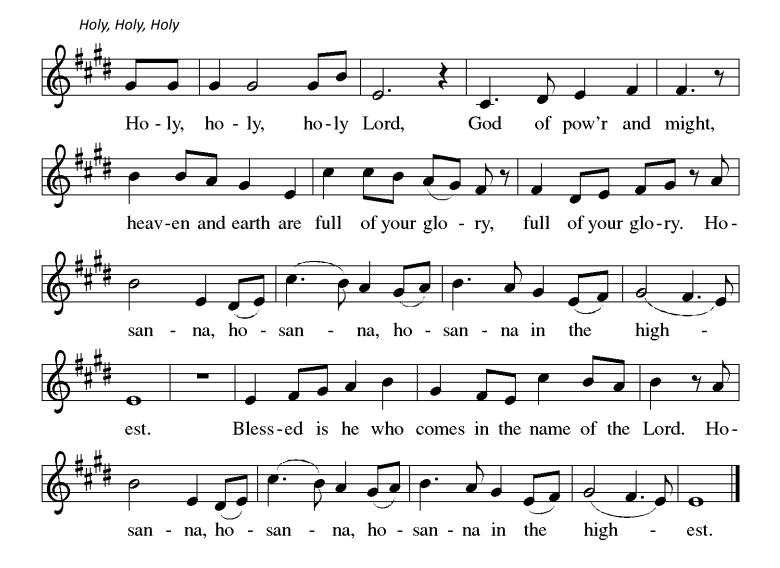
Offering

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



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 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{T}}\ensuremath{\mathsf{A}}\ensuremath{\mathsf{B}}\ensuremath{\mathsf{L}}$

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.

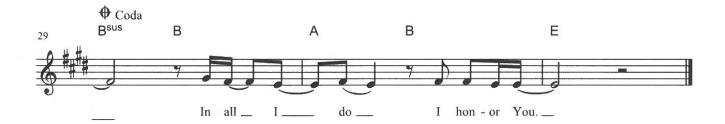
Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine,

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 SONGS







PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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.

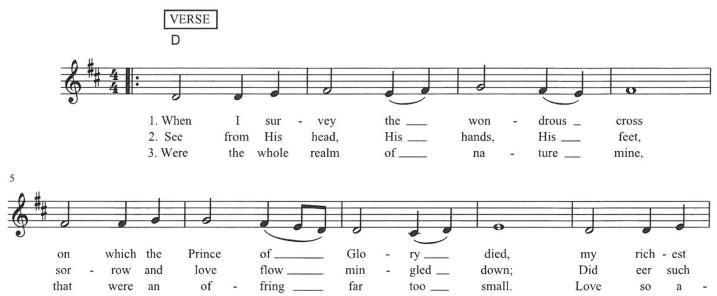
And may you find yourself filled to the brim with God's gift of grace,

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

THE WONDERFUL CROSS





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DISMISSAL

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