



SOTC Worship  
March 6, 2022  
First Sunday in Lent

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## GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU

ELW 769

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Holy God,  
**when we think that expansive life is about power - teach us a new way;**  
**when we think that expansive life is about material wealth - teach us a new way;**  
**when we think that expansive life is about control - teach us a new way.**  
**Teach us to live as you live, and to love as you love.**  
**Forgive us, according to your mercy, and renew us by your grace,**  
**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, no matter how broken we feel, God's grace is full to the brim - overflowing even in desert places. So hear and believe this good news: in the name of + Jesus Christ, your sin is 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: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

PSALM: PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

<sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
<sup>2</sup>**will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,  
<sup>10</sup>**no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.**

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>**On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**  
<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
<sup>15</sup>**When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.**  
<sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

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

#### GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,  
<sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup>and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

SERMON

HYMN

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

ELW 325

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](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

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*

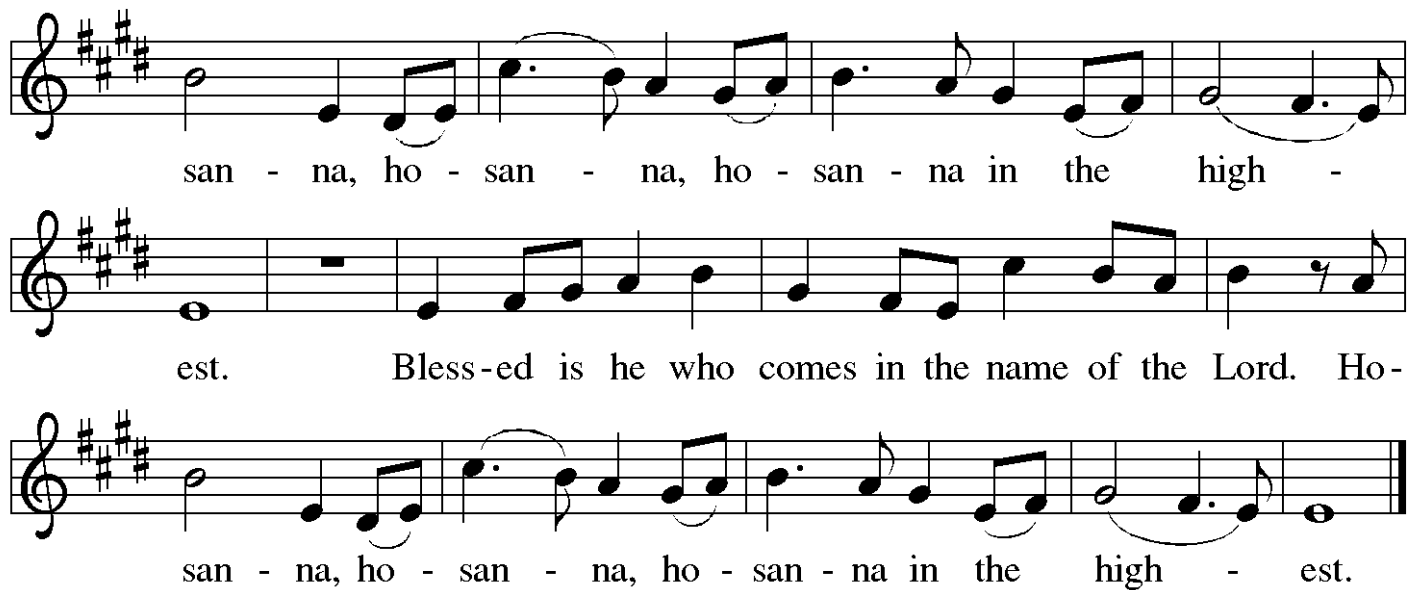
*Holy, Holy, Holy*



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

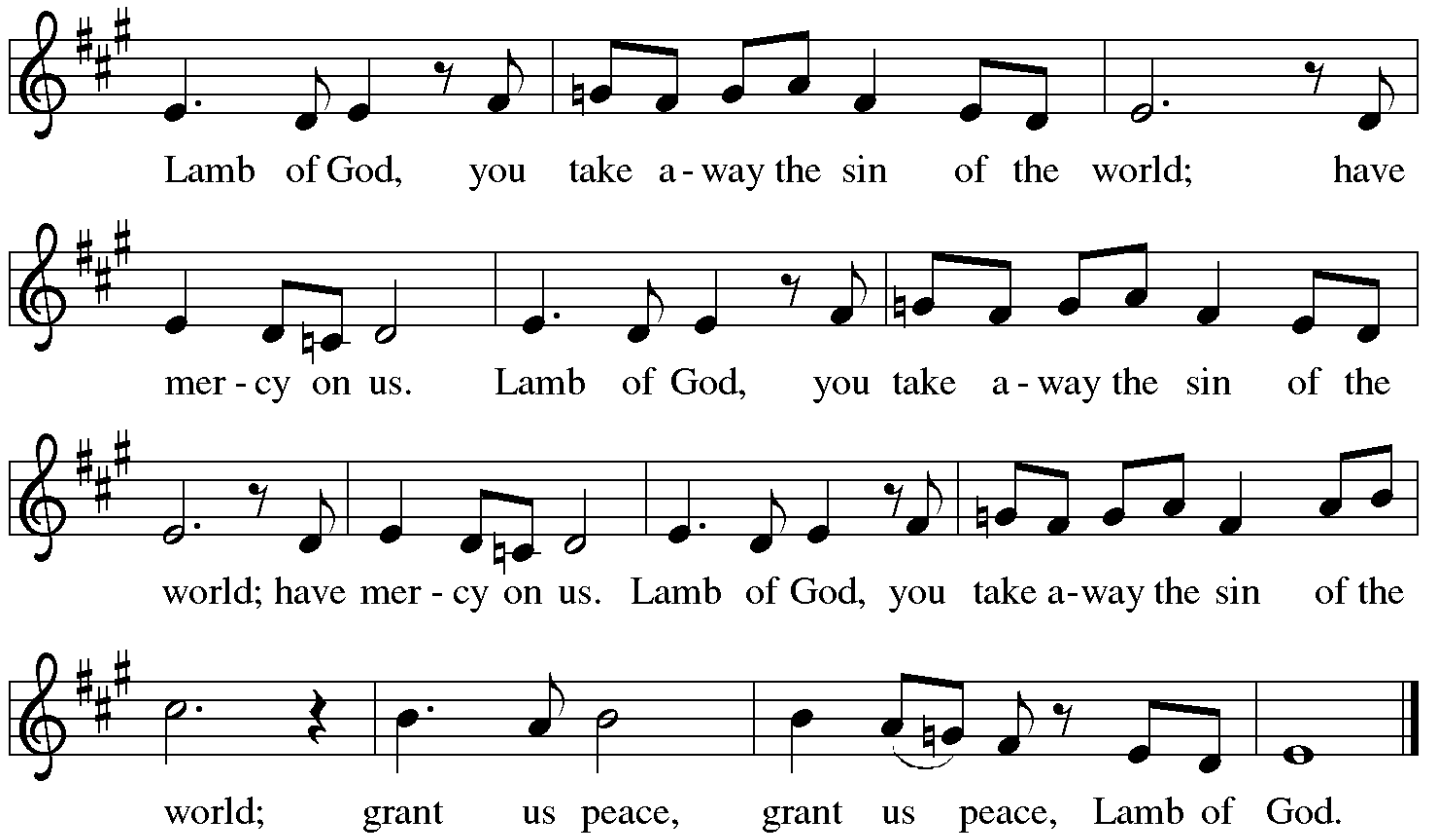
SHARING GOD'S MEAL TOGETHER

*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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

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