



SOTC Worship  
September 18, 2022  
Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

ELW 513

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.  
**Amen.**

Gathered in the presence of God and one another, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Beloved of God:

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven ✙ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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 OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

**Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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## WORD

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### CHILDREN'S SERMON AND DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES

#### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

#### PSALM: PSALM 119:105-112

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
<sup>106</sup>**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to observe your righteous ordinances.**  
<sup>107</sup>I am severely afflicted;  
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.  
<sup>108</sup>**Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,  
and teach me your ordinances.**  
<sup>109</sup>I hold my life in my hand continually,  
but I do not forget your law.  
<sup>110</sup>**The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I do not stray from your precepts.**

<sup>111</sup>Your decrees are my heritage forever;  
they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup>**I incline my heart to perform your statutes  
forever, to the end.**

## SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the

one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of our Lord.  
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

HYMN

ANCIENT WORDS

VERSE

MODERATELY SLOW



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.  
face. 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

C D Em D

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

G C D G

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

**CHORUS**

G D C D

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

Em D G C D

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

To CODA

1. G 2. G D.S. AL CODA

PART. 3. HO-LY PART. AN-CIENT

CODA

G TAG (SLOWER) EM D

PART. WE HAVE COME WITH O - PEN

G C D G

HEARTS. OH, LET THE AN - CIENT WORDS IM - PART.

## 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 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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features alternating parts for the Presider and the Congregation. The lyrics are: "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."

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with

*Presider:* you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

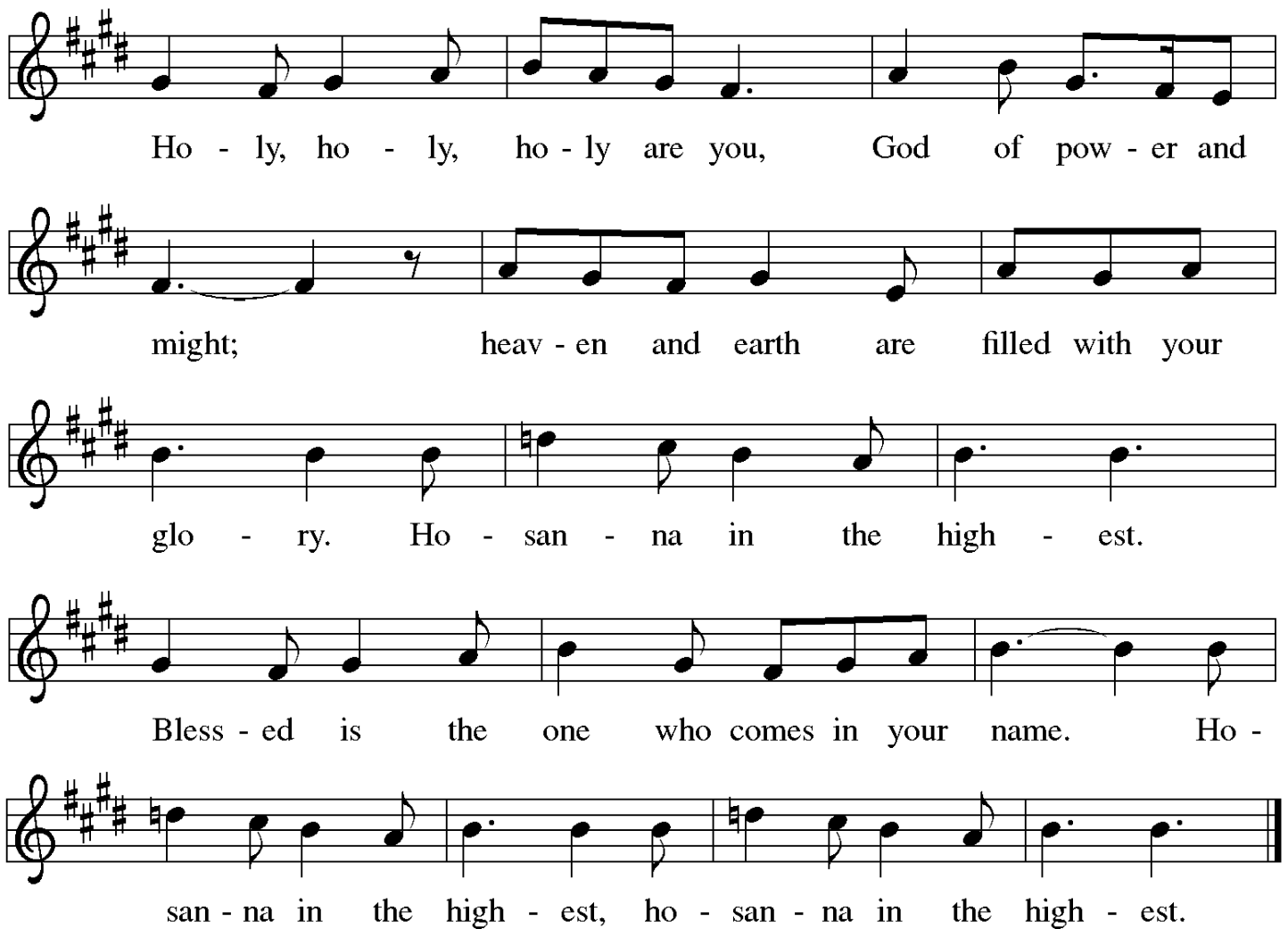
*Presider:* lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:* 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 are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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 ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*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.*





As you go from this place,  
 May the love of God's grace encompass you with joy;  
 may the truth of God's Word infuse your being;  
 may the power of God's Spirit illuminate your pathways;  
 and may the blessing of the holy Trinity, the ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

SENDING SONG

SEND US OUT



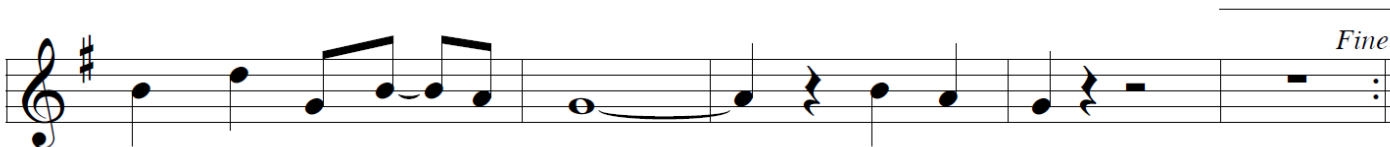
We have been called by the Lord. We have been saved by the Word.  
 We who were bound by our shame, ruled by our fears with - in.



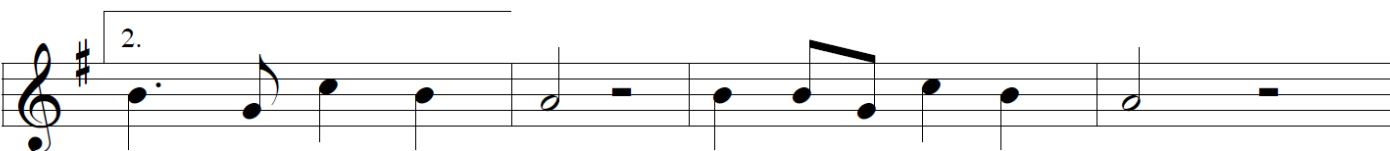
Now let the Word be re - stored. Now let the Gos - pel be heard. Send us  
 Stand and de - clare by the name free - dom from all of our sin.



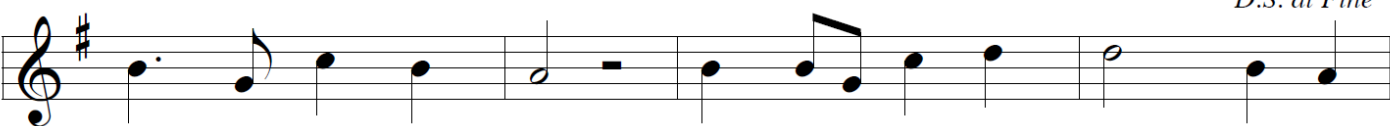
out to teach what God has done. Send us out to reach ev - 'ry



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. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

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