



SOTC Worship

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Rethinking Stewardship: An Act of Generosity

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

ELW 689

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

Water is poured into the font.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

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.

KYRIE

ELW 157

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

⁸The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

PSALM: PSALM 145:8-9, 13b-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

¹³ The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴ **The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ **You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸ **The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

²⁰ **The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.**

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15

¹ Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, ² for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³ But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; ⁴ otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated — to say nothing of you — in this undertaking. ⁵ So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the

testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

GOSPEL: MARK 6:30-44

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And all ate and were filled; ⁴³and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

REFRAIN

Melody *f* (a tempo)

(D) F (Dsus2) Fsus2 (D) F (Dsus2) Fsus2 (Em) Gm

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
 rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark - ness and
 clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of God! to Verses

VERSES

(B/D#) D/F# (Em) Gm (A/C#) C/E (A) C (F#7) A7

mf

1. Foun - tain of mer - cy, grace flow - ing free, streams of sal -
 2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the
 3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all
 4. Dark - ness is ban - ished, night turned a - way. Christ is our

poco rit. *rit.* *accel.* *D.S.*

1. va - tion, spill - ing with love from a tree!
 2. ask - ing, love in a - bun - dance of wealth!
 3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!
 4. sun - light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

ENDING

God, bathed in the glo - ry of God!

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

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 AND OFFERING SONG

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW 465

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

Presider: *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

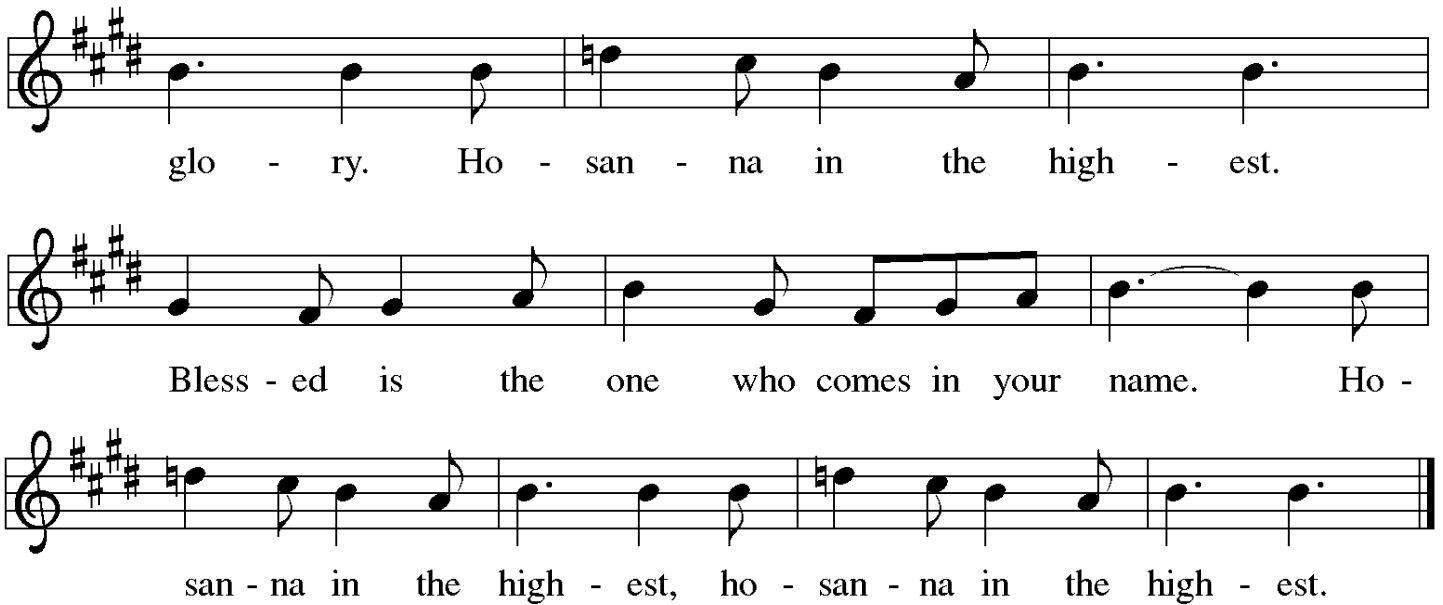
right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

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.

INTRO (♩ = ca. 104)

G D/F# A D

(Keybd)

VERSES

D G D Bm

1. We are all hun - gry peo - ple, we need shel - ter and
2. All our lives are a Mys - t'ry; we see not where they
3. Though the world may ___ tell us to ___ look at our -
4. In the bread that is bro - ken is the Christ that re -

A D G D Bm

1. strength. We are one in our hurt - ing, we are one ___ in our
2. lead. We are asked now to trust you and we know we must be -
3. selves, we reach out to an - oth - er where ___ suf - fer - ing
4. stores. As we take, now re - ceive him, we find love ___ ev - er -

A G D/F# F# F#/A#

1. pain. In our suf - f'ring and sad - ness, we are saved by the grace -
2. lieve. As our feet be - come Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace -
3. dwells. As our hands be - come Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace -
4. more. As the bread be - comes Bod - y, we are filled with the grace -

Bm G D/F# A D

- 1-4. ___ of the pow - er and the Spir - it that is here in this place.

REFRAIN

Melody D/F# G D/F#

We are gath - ered at ta - ble as ___

one in the Lord. We are gathered as
 peo - ple who are liv - ing the Word. Our
 hearts and our spir - its are nur - tured by
 grace. It is Je - sus who fills us. He is
 here in this place. place. (Keybd)

1-3 Final

rit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things
 and frees us from despair,
 bless you with truth and peace.
 And may the holy Trinity, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

♩ = 160

CHORUS

C/D G D/G G D/G G D/G Em D/E Em

My life is in You, Lord, _ my strength is in

4 D/E Em D/E C D/C C D/C C G/D

You, Lord, _ my hope is in You, Lord, _ in You, _____ it's in _____

8 **VERSE**

1, 3. D C/D 2. D C D/C C D/C G/B

You My You. I will praise You _ with all of _ my life, _____

13 G G/B C D/C C D/C G/B

_ I will praise You _ with all of _ my strength; _____

17 G G/B D A^{7sus}/E D/F# G E B^{7sus}/F# E/G#

_ With all of _ my life, with all of _ my

21 Am Am/G F Am⁷/E D^{sus} D C/D D.S. al Coda

strength. All of my hope is in You. _____ My

26 **ENDING**

⊕ Coda D C/D G

You, in You. _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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Thanks be to God!

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