



SOTC Worship
January 8 2023
Baptism of Our Lord

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

ELW 310
(vs. 1, 2, 4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Almighty and merciful God,

we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to those around us when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation. Forgive us our sins, and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all.

Amen.

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you: that God *is* light, and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus the Son + cleanses us from all our sin.

May almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.

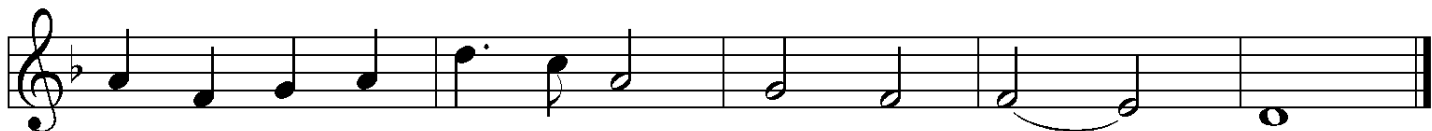
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A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



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Lord, have mer - cy:

GLORY TO GOD



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glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



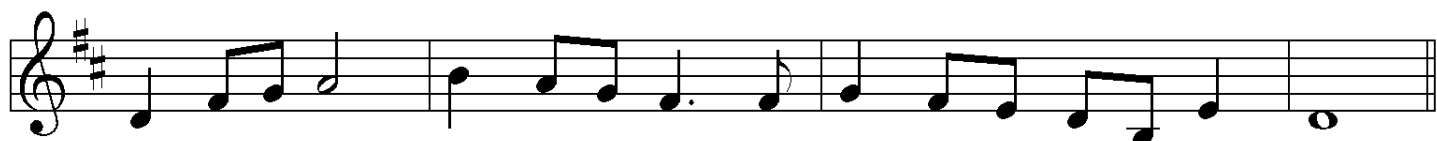
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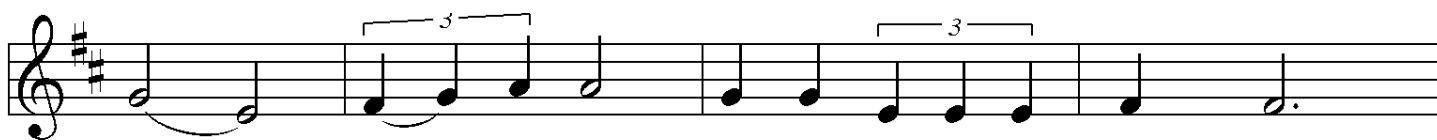
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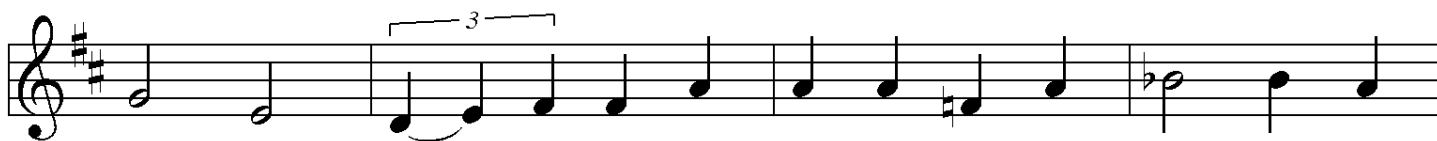
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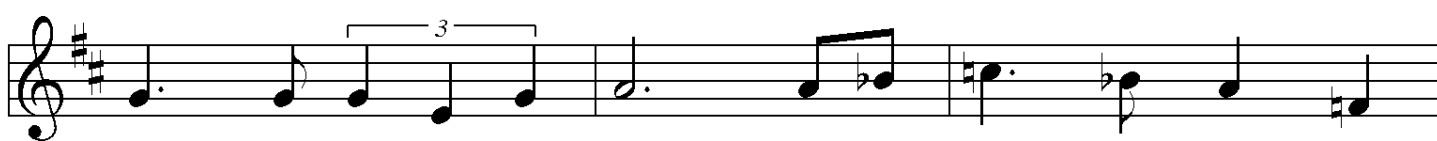
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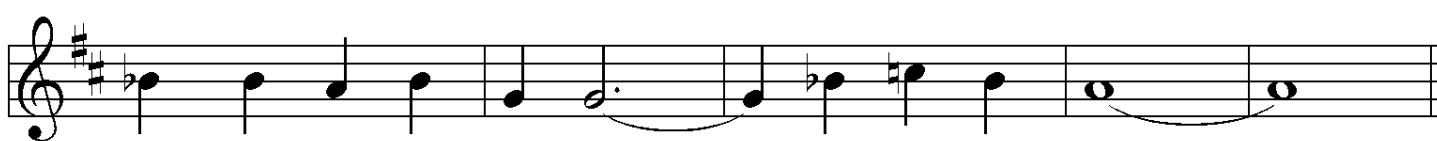
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Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



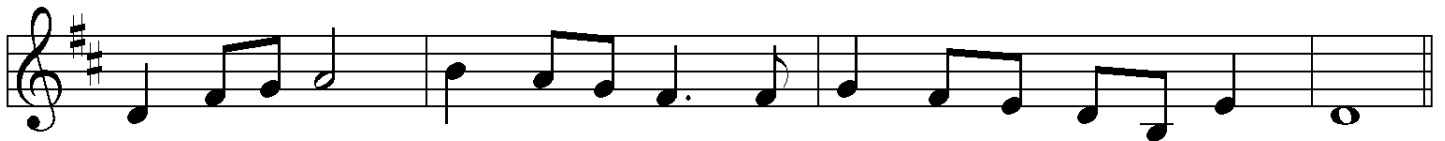
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

PSALM: PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,
³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the
message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That
message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good
and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that
he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God
raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were
chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He
commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of

the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

HYMN

WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

ELW 445

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

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 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-er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit... Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

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.*

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.

COMMUNION SONG

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

ELW 396

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

————— **SENDING** —————

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

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Sing verse 1 again at the end.

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Thanks be to God!

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