



SOTC Worship
May 21 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING!

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(vs. 1-3, 5)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gathered in the presence of God and each other, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious Father,

you sent your Son to die and rise again so that death might be conquered, and so that we might live a new life in Christ. Yet, too often we have chosen to remain captive to sin, to doubt, to fear, and to brokenness, leading us to death. By our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and marred your image within us. Father, we need a resurrection. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may rise up to live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News! Christ is risen and the stone has been rolled away. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is your new beginning as the old things die and you are made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, + your sin is forgiven, and death no longer holds power over you. You are free to live as a resurrected child of God.

Amen! Alleluia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READING: ACTS 1:6-14

⁶When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

PSALM: PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.

**²As smoke is driven away, so drive them away;
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish before God.**

³But let the righteous be joyful;
let them exult before God;
let them be jubilant with joy.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds —
his name is the LORD —
be exultant before him.**

⁵Father of orphans and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

⁶**God gives the desolate a home to live in;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

⁷O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹**Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad;
you restored your heritage when it languished;
¹⁰your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the LORD,

³³O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

³⁴**Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel;
and whose power is in the skies.**

³⁵Awesome is God in his sanctuary,
the God of Israel;
he gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.

⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in

your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE



1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
 4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je-sus, God's on-ly Son,



and we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored:
 and to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu-man dig-ni-ty and save hu-man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. _____

APOSTLES 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."

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

MAKE US ONE

Make us one, Lord, make us one, Ho - ly Spir - it, make us

one. Let Your love flow so the

world will know we are one in You.

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the midst of the prayer, the response to “as we proclaim the mystery of faith” is
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

————— SENDING —————

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

TO BE ALIVE

To be a - live is to live the love that is a -
live in God's sav - ing son who brought us back from a life
of death to be a - live!
There is noth - ing I can do to save me. On - ly God car -
Join the sing - ing, join the cel - e - bra - tion. Je - sus lives, we

ries us home. So we live mer - cy, hope, and free - dom,
are re - stored. Love a - live, giv - ing and for - giv - ing,
lov - ing an - oth - er to be whole.
lov - ing an - oth - er to be whole.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
 Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

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