



SOTC Worship
June 25 2023
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

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

Silence for reflection.

Good and gracious God,
to you all hearts are open and all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

By water and the Word the Holy Spirit gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of + Jesus Christ, you are forgiven of all your sin. May the God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and fill you with abundant and eternal life.

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

Melody

Cantor All

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Cantor All

mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor All

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Melody

Glo - ry to God,

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on

earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We

praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we

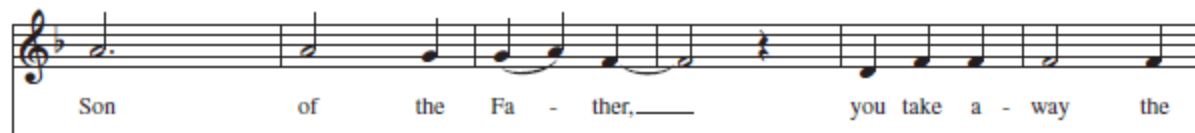
glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great

glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly

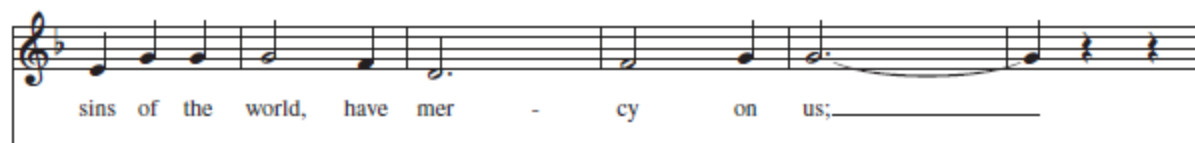
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Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten

Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,



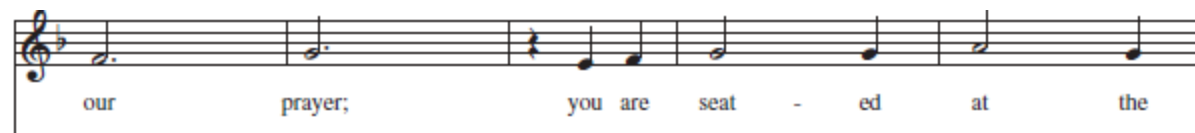
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you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive



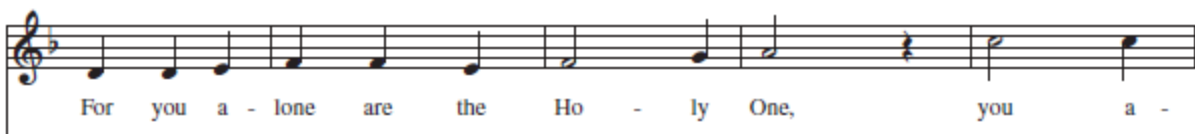
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right hand of the Fa - ther,



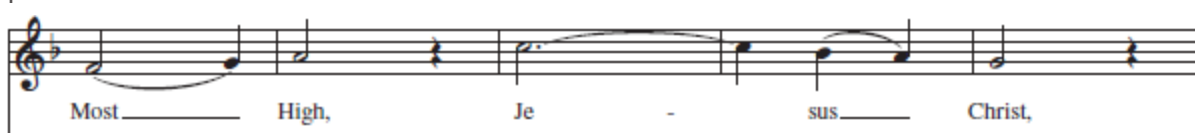
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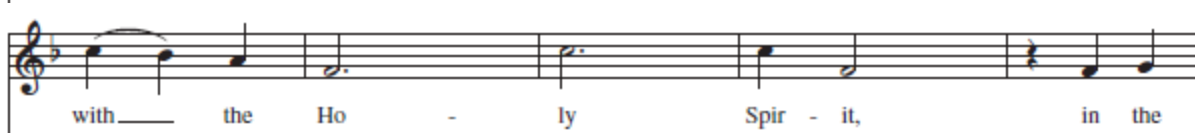
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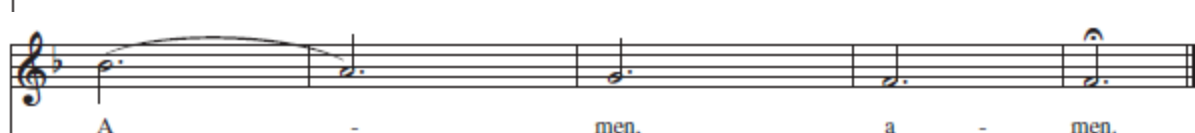
Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us as your own, and call us to live as your people. Where we have disconnected ourselves from you, forgive us. Where we have stumbled, forgive us. Where we have strayed, forgive us. And where we have ignored your call, forgive us. Call to us anew, and implant within us your burning fire that cannot be extinguished. Build your kingdom here, in us, and give us courage to take up our cross and follow you. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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: JEREMIAH 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

PSALM: PSALM 69:7-18

⁷It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

¹⁰**When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.**

¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.

¹²**I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.

**With your faithful help ¹⁴rescue me
from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.**

¹⁵Do not let the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the Pit close its mouth over me.

**¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

¹⁷Do not hide your face from your servant,
for I am in distress — make haste to answer me.

**¹⁸Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

F Gm7 F/A Bbadd9

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

F Gm7 Bb Bb/C

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

To Refrain/Verse
F Fsus4

VERSES (Common Verses for Ordinary Time)

F Eb

1.	Speak, O	Lord,	_____	your	ser - vant	is	list - 'ning; _____	7
2.	7	Your	words, Lord,	are	Spir - it	and	life; _____	7
3.	7	My	sheep	hear	my	voice, says	the	Lord; _____
4.	7	O - pen	our	hearts, _____	O	Lord,	_____	to
5.	7	Re-main	faith - ful	un - til	death,	_____	_____	and

1. you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.
 2. you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.
 3. know them, and they fol - low me.
 4. lis - ten to the words of your Son.
 5. I will give you the crown of life.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
 and a daughter against her mother,
 and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

SERMON

HYMN

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

ELW 798

Vs. 1-3, 5

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

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Melody

Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. 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.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Melody' and begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. 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.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are several rests throughout the piece.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

At the close of prayer we sing:

Melody

A - men, a - men, a -

men, a - men, a - men.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Melody' and begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are several rests throughout the piece.

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

Melody

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us.

Final

world, grant us, grant us peace.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Melody' and contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the'. The second staff continues with 'world, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us.' and ends with a double bar line. The third staff is labeled 'Final' and contains the lyrics 'world, grant us, grant us peace.' and ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING AND FAREWELL TO BAKKE'S

Following the blessing, the congregation is invited to go outside and gather where a tree will be planted in honor of the Bakke's. The tree is a symbol of the Bakke's roots, here at Shepherd of the Cross, and a symbol of their continued growth and fruit by the power of the Spirit.

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