



SOTC Worship  
November 26, 2023  
Christ the King Sunday

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## GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

ELW 634  
(vs.1 - 4)

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.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

————— **WORD** —————

STORYTELLING

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.*

READINGS AND PSALM: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24, PSALM 93, EPHESIANS 1:15-23

*In response to the readings:*  
Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

*The Gospel is announced:*  
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*  
The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

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APOSTLES CREED AND WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

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*After Pastor Aleese addresses Lynn and Nancy, together we profess our faith.*

*Following the creed, Pastor Aleese asks for Lynn and Nancy's commitment to continue their journeys of discipleship here at Shepherd of the Cross. Then, Pastor Aleese addresses the congregation, inviting the congregation to pledge their commitment to support Lynn and Nancy as a part of our faith community. Response is "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."*

*After Lynn and Nancy and the congregation have expressed their commitment, Pastor Aleese continues:*

Together, let us welcome Lynn and Nancy into this community of faith.

**We rejoice as you join us on our journey of discipleship. Together we will give thanks and praise to God for your presence and ministry here among us at Shepherd of the Cross. We pledge to you our prayer and support, and we invite you to join us in proclaiming God's Good News to all the world.**

*Pastor Aleese closes in a prayer of blessing and offers gifts on behalf of the congregation.*

#### 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.*

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### MEAL

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#### 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

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#### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*At Pastor Aleese's direction, the congregation responds "Amen!" in the midst of the prayer.*

## 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

## BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

The first system of musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 2/2. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The accompaniment is provided by chords in the left hand, mostly consisting of pairs of notes.

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!  
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!  
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!  
4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features similar rhythmic patterns and chordal structures.

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!  
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!  
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!  
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the  
king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,  
bring forth the cit - y of God!

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

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