



SOTC Worship  
February 18, 2024  
First Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

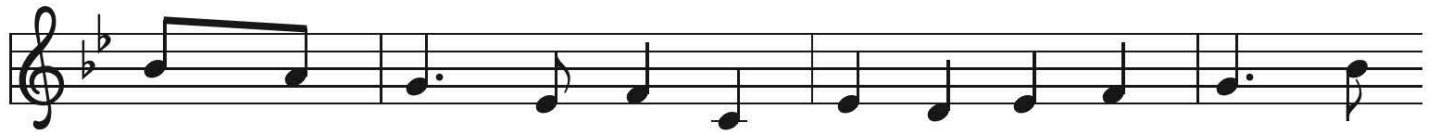
PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

AS YOUR SPIRIT IN THE DESERT

*Song leader sings vs. 1, congregation sings vs. 3-5*



1 As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to  
2 As your fire and cloud - y pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to  
3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shad - ow, and dire thirst may  
4 Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's  
5 God of des - ert, God of prom - ise, you have bid us



dust and stone, so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to  
Ca - naan led, may your pres - ence be our com - fort, may your  
sear and sting, you have prom - ised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing  
pull and strife, where be - yond our fear and cling - ing stands the  
jour - ney on through the days of dust and dark - ness to the



cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the  
man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the  
for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the  
thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the  
ris - ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the



wil - der - ness            so    to    walk    where    Christ    has    gone.  
wil - der - ness            with God's    man - na    as    our    bread.  
wil - der - ness            to    the    wa - ters    of    the    spring.  
wil - der - ness            to    the    thresh - old    of    new    life.  
wil - der - ness            to    the    ris - ing    of    the    dawn.

#### CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the ✚ Son, and 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.**

#### KYRIE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

**Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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## WORD

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### 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: GENESIS 9:8-17, PSALM 25:1-10, 1 PETER 3:18-22

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MARK 1:9-15

*The Gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### SERMON



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

APOSTLES CREED

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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.*

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## MEAL

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OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC 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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COMMUNION SONG

TREE OF LIFE AND AWESOME MYSTERY

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vs. 1-3, LENT 1

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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## SENDING

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BLESSING

SENDING SONG

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

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**Thanks be to God!**

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