



SOTC Worship
March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

ELW 335

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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: NUMBERS 21:4-9, PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22, EPHESIANS 2:1-10

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-21

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN

ELW 342

vs. 1, 2, 4

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.

MEAL

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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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

YOU ARE MY KING

I'm for-giv - en — be - cause You were — for-sak - en. I'm ac-cept-ed;
 You were — con - demned. — I'm a - live — and well, — Your
 Spir - it is — with-in — me be - cause You died — and rose — a - gain —
 A-maz-ing love, — how — can it be — that You, my — King, — would die — for me? .
 — A-maz - ing love, — I — know it's true; —

15 E Last time to Coda 1. B^{SUS} B A/B 2. B^{SUS} B

it's my — joy — to hon - or You — In all — I —
 — do — I hon - or You. — You are — my —
 — King, You are — my — King. Je - sus, You are — my —
 — King. Je - sus, You are — my — King.
 — In all — I — do — I hon - or You —

D.C. al Coda

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Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

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