



SOTC Worship
April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

HAVE NO FEAR LITTLE FLOCK

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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.

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, we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to sin, to doubt, to fear, and to brokenness that only leads us to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father 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: ACTS 4:5-12, PSALM 23, 1 JOHN 3:16-24

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

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BAPTISM OF GRACELYNN MARIE GILBERT

Presentation

Gracelynn is presented by her baptismal sponsors.

Profession of Faith

To all gathered here, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font and Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of thanksgiving is led by Pastor Aleese. Following the prayer, Gracelynn is baptized in the name of the Triune God.

After Gracelynn is baptized, together the congregation offers the following acclamation:

Together witnessing Christ's love poured out, we respond:

Gracelynn, child of God, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

Pastor Aleese offers a prayer of blessing and marks the sign of the cross upon Gracelynn.

Welcome

Following the lighting of a baptismal candle, the congregation welcomes the newly baptized:

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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

PRAISE THE LORD, RISE UP REJOICING

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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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