

WELCOME:

BLESSING OF FATHERS:

Let us pray,

God of all creation, pour out your blessing on all fathers and those who provide fatherly care. You have made them in your image and given them children to love and care for in your name. Bless them with a heart like your heart, compassionate and loving, merciful and gracious. Grant them courage under pressure and confidence in your power. Pour out your Spirit of peace on all fathers, by flesh or by heart and spirit, that they may trust in you. We ask this in Jesus' + name.

Amen.

OPENING PRAYER FOR UNITY: (*Tempe only*)

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Let us give thanks for the unity we have in Christ:

God of all creation who called every being into life who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity who embodies us with dignity, granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world, **we ask for your Spirit to unite us where we face lack of understanding and disunity in our churches, in our communities, in our countries. And in silence we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.**

(5 seconds of Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us in the face of the conflicts, hatred and violation of life experienced in so many regions of the earth and in silence we bring to you the pain of the victims.

(5 seconds of Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor, from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures and faith communities with respect and in silence we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

(5 seconds of Silence)

God of all creation, in Christ we are reconciled, and so we ask for your uniting Spirit to help us to overcome all our divisions that we may live in peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, And of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING SONG:

ELW #843 "Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness"

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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"Good, Good Father"

Verse 1:

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus:

You're a Good, Good Father
It's who You are...It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am...It's who I am...It's who I am

Verse 2:

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Bridge:

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Verse 3:

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

FIRST LESSON:

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (Tempe)

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Job 38:1-11 (Gilbert)

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

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GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



SERMON:

<p>"Got Questions?" Pastor Andrea Cain (Tempe)</p>	<p>"What Do Storms Do to You?" Pastor Glen Stadler (Gilbert)</p>
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SERMON SONG:

"Our God" (Tempe)

Verse 1:

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Verse 2:

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus:

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Bridge:

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against

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"It is Well With My Soul" (Gilbert)

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2** Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.
- 3** He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
- 4** Lord, hasten the day
when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound
and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

APOSTLES' CREED (TEMPE):

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.

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (GILBERT):**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?

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 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 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. Amen.

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The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Be gracious, O LORD, and look upon your church
 throughout the world, guiding its search for the
 unity for which Jesus prayed. Rise up, O Lord,
and hear our prayer.

Be gracious, O LORD, and look upon the distress
 of those who are persecuted for their faith;
 those whose path ahead seems dim; those who
 are victims of oppressive relationships. Look
 upon the needy, that they may know the warmth
 of your faithfulness through our hands and feet
 that serve. Rise up, O Lord, **and hear our
 prayer.**

Be gracious, O LORD, and look upon those who
 are suffering in sickness or grief and those

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And also with you.

Let us pray:

Be gracious, O LORD, and look upon your church
 throughout the world, guiding its search for
 calm in the midst of storms. Rise up, O Lord,
and hear our prayer.

Be gracious, O LORD, and look upon those who
 are suffering in sickness or grief and those
 named in our hearts, **(share names out loud)**
 that in the darkness of their circumstance, they
 may feel the gentle light of your presence. Rise
 up, O Lord, **and hear our prayer.**

Lord God, let your glory appear among us and
 make us sharers of your eternity, with all your
 saints, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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Lord God, let your glory appear among us and make us sharers of your eternity, with all your saints, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING:

We worship God by sharing our gifts and offerings in thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we receive in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the ways you share yourself and your gifts for the sake of the world.

Offering baskets are now in the front of the worship space along with the Hunger Jar.

You are invited to come forward to share your gifts acknowledging that others give electronically through our online giving button at www.desertcross.org, through text giving, or other electronic means as well as through the mail. We give thanks for all the ways you support the mission of Desert Cross that changes lives for the sake of the gospel.

OFFERING SONG: "Thank You"

Thank You for Your kindness
Thank You for Your mercy
Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the price You paid

Thank You for Your promise
Thank You for Your favor
And thank You for Your love
And everything You've done for me

There is no one like You
There is no one like You, God
All my hope is in You
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

OFFERING PRAYER:

Let us pray,

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(based on Mark 4:35-41)*

Merciful God,

**when lashed by life's windstorms
we often lash out in return.**

Forgive us

**when we blame you or others
for our troubles.**

**Teach us to find you
in the eye of the storm.**

**Show us the calm center
that comes from a word of peace.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *(inspired by 2 Corinthians 6:1-2)*

Hear the witness of scripture:

God listens; God helps. Now is the day of salvation.

Open wide your hearts and receive God's forgiveness.

Amen.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER: *(Traditional, spoken)*

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: Come forward to receive the bread and a cup of wine/juice. Alert an usher for communion in your seat. All are welcome.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS:

“Great Are You, Lord”

Verse:

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus:

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge:

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

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“Still My Soul, Be Still” (Gilbert)

V1: Still my soul be still and do not fear
Though winds of change may rage tomorrow
God is at your side no longer dread
The fires of unexpected sorrow

C: God You are my God
And I will trust in You and not be shaken
Lord of peace renew
A steadfast spirit within me
To rest in You alone

V2: Still my soul be still do not be moved
By lesser lights and fleeting shadows
Hold on to His ways with shield of faith
Against temptation's flaming arrows

V3: Still my soul be still do not forsake
The truth you learned in the beginning
Wait upon the Lord and hope will rise
As stars appear when day is dimming

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ELW #461 "All Who Hunger Gather Gladly" (Tempe only)

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Verse 1:

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and
wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Verse 2:

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and
roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Verse 3:

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love others with your grace and generosity.

Amen.

BENEDICTION: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious unto you, the Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

"Mighty to Save" (Tempe)

V1: Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

C: Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

"You Are My All in All" (Gilbert)

Verse 1:

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus:

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

<p>V2: So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again I give my life to follow Ev'rything I believe in Now I surrender</p> <p>B: Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King...Jesus</p> <p><small>CCLI Song # 4591782 // Ben Fielding Reuben Morgan © 2006 Hillsong Music Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com // CCLI License # 345221</small></p>	<p>Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name</p> <p>Verse 2: Taking my sin My cross my shame Rising again I bless Your name You are my all in all When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup You are my all in all</p> <p><small>CCLI Song # 825356 // Dennis Jernigan © 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc. (Admin. by PraiseCharts Publishing, Inc.) For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com // CCLI License # 1031974</small></p>
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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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