

Ascension of Our Lord (May 28/29, 2022) Saturday/Sunday Tempe Livestream

Order of Worship

PRELUDE:



WELCOME:

Prayer for Memorial Day

We remember and honor those who have given their lives while serving in the U.S. armed forces.

Holy one, You who created and sustain us, who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day.

Hear our prayer for all who have died, whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone ...

Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own and give us hearts as generous as theirs ...

Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice ...

Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace ... Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our hearts...

Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy answer us in the name of all that is holy.

May the peace of God be with us.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

A new day has begun.

Hope wins!

A fresh start is granted.

Faith wins!

Christ is entering your life in a new way.

Love wins!

Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in the way of hope and faith. Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!

GATHERING SONG: "Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)" - (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

Verse 1

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day In Your presence All our fears are washed away (Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us Worthy of all our praises Hosanna hosanna Come have Your way among us We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You

We turn to You In Your Kingdom Broken lives are made new You make us new

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus, He loves me He loves me, He is for me Jesus, how can it be He loves me, He is for me

Sat 5pm Tempe: NO Children's Message

Sunday Gilbert: Music only

Sunday 10:30 Tempe: Music and Lyrics

FIRST LESSON:

Acts 1:1-11 (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Endless Hallelujah" - (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

And we will worship, worship;
Forever in Your presence
we will sing, we will sing
We will worship, worship You
an endless hallelujah to the King
an endless hallelujah to the King
We'll sing an endless hallelujah to the King

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:		
"Look to Jesus"	"It's So Hard to Say Goodbye"	
(Sunday Tempe)	(Sat. 5pm)	
Pastor Andrea Cain	Pastor Thaddeus Book	

SERMON SONG: "Speak, O Lord" - (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority

Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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APOSTLES' CREED:

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One, ruler of heaven and earth, wash us in your Holy Spirit and make us witnesses to your resurrected life in this community. Let our fellowship be a sign to others of the presence of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In faithful worship, turn all people toward you and your loving will for humankind. Bridge differences among traditions and across faiths. Bring your peace to Ukraine and all regions of this world. Unite us in mission for the sake of a world in need. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the mercy of your resurrected Son, bring an end to needless violence in our communities, heal hearts of hate, and may your love conquer racism and all the "ism's" that divide as you bring comfort to victims of hate crimes, especially in Buffalo and Orange County. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the suffering and death of Jesus, draw near to those who suffer, those in need of healing, and those for whom death approaches especially all those we name aloud or in our hearts... Hold them in the palm of your loving hand and give them rest. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us look to you to guide our lives and to remember the faithful witness of the saints who have gone before us. By their lives and the life and death of Jesus, enlighten our hearts, give us hope, and lead us in wisdom. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING:

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

In a world that lives out of scarcity, God call us to a life of abundance full of grace and mercy. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God and may these gifts be used to bring life, love and liberation for this world that God so dearly loves.

The Hunger Jar is an offering for hunger ministries above and beyond regular offering. May is for water dedicated to summer hydration programs for Grace Lutheran in Phoenix and Kyrene Resource Center.

You are invited to share your gifts in worship while others give electronically at www.desertcross.org with the giving button, text giving, or by QR code. We give thanks for all the ways you support God's mission of outreach through Desert Cross that changes lives for the sake of the gospel.

OFFERING RESPONSE:

"From Whom All Blessings Flow" - (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

Verse 1

What gift of love could I offer to a King What weight or worth could be held Within my offering When He alone is worthy

Verse 2

A glory song is inscribed upon my heart This treasure held in an alabaster jar I break To bring Him all the glory

Chorus 1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below

Verse 3

What sacrifice could be equal to His own The cross of Christ has declared That there is nought I owe Yet I know I owe Him all

Chorus 2

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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OFFERING PRAYER:

Gracious and loving God, all of your works testify to your love.
You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life.
By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all that we do and all that we are testify to your amazing care and compassion.
In gratitude and love, we offer ourselves to you.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O Lord,

we have not lived our lives as kingdom people.
We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness.
We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control.
We make kings of the things we acquire and queens of our immediate desires.
We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven.

Forgive us, we pray.
Come, Lord,
and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ blesses us and calls us "kingdom people." In the name of the reigning Christ, we are forgiven and loved. Glory to God! **Amen.**

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: (1030am Tempe)

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.

CAMBODIAN LORD'S PRAYER: (Saturday 5pm)

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
Here on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive our trespasses
Lord, forgive as we forgive
Those who trespass against us
Forgive us, Lord.
Forgive us, Lord.

And lead us not into temptation, lead us not but deliver us from evil Lord, we pray your mercy
For yours is the kingdom
And the power
And the glory
Forever and ever!
Amen...amen...
Amen, amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

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

DISTRIBUTION SONGS:

"You Are My King" - (Saturday/Sunday Tempe)

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love How can it be That You my King Would die for me Amazing love I know it's true It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You

Ending

You are my King You are my King Jesus You are my King Jesus You are my King

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"Bread of Life" – (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

Verse 1

Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to you.
Change our hearts; fill us with peace.
Transform our lives anew.
Open our eyes so that we might see your presence in one another.
Your life, poured out in love today, unites us all in you.

Verse 2

Loving Lord, Creator God, open our eyes to see the good that lives in each of us, that called the world to be.
And when we fail to see the good, when friendships falter and crumble, give us the courage to forgive that we may live in peace.

Verse 3

Living Word, O Son of God, your love shows us the way that we may live in harmony, and from you never stray.
Wipe all oppression from our midst;

give us a love for all people. Your song of justice sing in us, to live for peace today.

w&m: Bobby Fisher, 1994

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

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

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor +
And give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: "How Great Is Our God" – (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

Verse 1

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Bridge

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

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