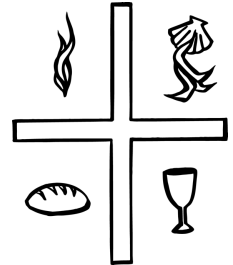


## **Order of Worship**

### **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 HYMN:** ELW 532 - *"Gather Us In" (vs. 1&2)*

**1** Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

**2** We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

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## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** *"Jesus Loves Me"* - (Music only)

### **FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After 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. <sup>4</sup>While 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But 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." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They 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:** *"Alleluia"* - (Gilbert)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, until the end of the world

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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## **GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup>Then 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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And 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."

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** *"It's So Hard to Say Goodbye"* – Pastor Thaddeus Book

**SERMON SONG:** *"Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise"*

### **Verse 1**

Sing we triumphant hymns of praise, to greet  
our Lord these festive days, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Who by a road before untrod, ascended to the  
throne of God,

### **Chorus**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **Verse 2**

In wondering awe His faithful band, upon the  
Mount of Olives stand. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
And with the Virgin Mother see, their Lord  
ascend in majesty.

### *Chorus*

### **Verse 3**

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you  
let earth accord, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Who are, while endless ages run, with Father  
and with Spirit, One.

### *Chorus*

### **Verse 4**

To God the Father let us sing, to God the Son,  
our risen King, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
And equally let us adore, the Holy Spirit  
evermore.

### *Chorus*

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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.*

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## **OFFERING RESPONSE: "All Hail Adored Trinity"**

### **Verse**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise  
him above ye, heav'nly host; Praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost.

### **Chorus**

Amen, Amen,  
Amen, Amen

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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:**

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.

**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"*

**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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## "Faithfulness" – (Gilbert)

### Verse 1

In the breakers that storm my faith  
God my Rock and God my Hope You will prevail  
You're the constant in a sea of change  
What You've done and what You've said  
Will never fade

### Chorus

Great is Your Faithfulness  
Great is Your Faithfulness  
Always and forever  
Always and forever

### Verse 2

There are memories that seize my heart  
But they will never steal or tear our love apart  
There are victories yet to come  
They are certain as the rising of the sun

### Bridge

From age to age the same  
Your mercy never changes  
Your joy it is my strength  
Your goodness never changes

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**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"***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

**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

**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

## Bridge

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


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## DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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