

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: *(Gilbert Special Music: Song of Praise, Junior Choir & The Church's One Foundation, Instrumental Ensemble)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: Diadem, Ringing Praise *(Sunday only)*

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.

REFORMATION CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

God, give us courage and still our hearts when we face uncertainty—

Remind us that you are with us; we shall not be moved.

Holy One, help us trust in your unshakable love—

Let your peace fill us as we worship you today.

OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious Father,

we pray for your church. Fill it with all truth and peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, reform it;

where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it;

where it is divided, reunite it;

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vs. 1, 2, 4)

(In Gilbert, Instrumental Ensemble will accompany)

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Jesus Strong and Kind *(Sunday Tempe/Gilbert)*

Sat 5pm Tempe: **NO** Children's Message
Sunday Tempe & Gilbert: *Sing at all services*

Verse 1

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC:
We Are the Church, Sanctuary Choir
(Sunday only)

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC:
O Word of God, Chancel Choir

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

(Gilbert)

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw ¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If the work that someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. ¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PENTECOST GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Refrain

Alleluia, come Holy Spirit, come,
Alleluia, we're gathered around Your throne.
Speak to Your people, ignite us with flame,
Fill us with power to speak of Your name.
Alleluia, our hearts are now Your home.

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| GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 | |
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| Tempe | Gilbert |
| <p>³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been in bondage to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"</p> <p>³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a servant to sin. ³⁵ The servant does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."</p> | <p>³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"</p> <p>³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."</p> |
| L: The Gospel of the Lord. | |
| C: Praise to You, O Christ. | |

| SERMON: | |
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| <p><i>"Embody Christ"</i> Pastor Andrea Cain (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)</p> | <p><i>""</i> Pastor Thaddeus Book (Gilbert)</p> |

SONG OF THE DAY: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep
and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate we dread we know we are forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid

For Jesus bled and suffered for our pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this we hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is our plea
Oh the chains are released we can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath we long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring us home
And day by day we know he will renew us
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this we hold our hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
still our lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete
still our lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Bring your peace to every land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those in need. Share your mercy with all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your mercy, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

Amen.

PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share a word of peace with our neighbors.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING FOR COMMITMENT WEEKEND:

Family of faith, we are invited to commit ourselves and our whole lives to God's holy word and loving purpose this Commitment Weekend. As brothers and sisters in Christ we share our gifts and talents that strengthen our ministries and the community that thrives here. We give thanks for our 2025 Stewardship campaign, Faith Family Foundation, which brings us together and sends out to serve in love as we share God's love in our neighborhoods and world. We give thanks for your faithful support.

As we continue worship with our regular offering, you are invited to come forward to place your commitment cards and hunger jar offerings into the hunger jar this weekend. We give thanks for the commitment cards you mailed in, brought to the office, or brought to worship today that promise support of God's mission through Desert Cross in 2026 as we grow our faith family to change the world in beautiful ways!

The Hunger Jar is designated for Tempe Storm Recovery at both campuses.

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

PENTECOST OFFERING SONG: Gratitude

Verse 1

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

Verse 2

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

Chorus

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah

And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Verse 3

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

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PRAYER OF COMMITMENT:

People of God, on this Reformation Day, we are invited to commit ourselves and our whole lives to God's holy Word and loving purpose.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have called us together to be a church of love and service in the world. Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

We commit our lives to you, O God.

Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope. Center us in weekly worship, daily prayer, and the mission of the church sending us to love our neighbors.

**By your word, O Lord, bless our offerings and our mission
as we commit our lives to you.**

Amen.

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, Pamela Watson-Brown & Joni Van Rossum (*Sunday only*)

HOLY COMMUNION:

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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:

This is Christ's table. There is a place for you.
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. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW p. 201 (Tempe Only)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS: ELW 517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife

and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Lord, I Need You

Verse 1

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

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

Amen.

Gracious God,
as we have received the gift of Christ's body and blood,
send us forth renewed in faith and love.
Empower us to serve others with compassion and generosity.
Guide our steps that we may share your peace and hope.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION:

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG: The Church

Verse 1

For the different ways we see You
For all the ways You move
All the colors and expressions
Oh the beauty of Your Church
What a masterful reflection
When we are unified
Truly celebrate each other
And let go of our pride

Pre-Chorus

That You would have a spotless bride

Chorus

Oh praise the Father praise the Son
Holy Spirit make us one
Every nation tribe and tongue
This is our cry Your Kingdom come

Verse 2

We surrender our agendas
Our preferences our plans
Would You help us work together
To be Your feet and hands
Our heart is just to know You
To show them who You are
The Gospel's still the answer

For every searching heart

Bridge

Brothers sisters under the banner of Your Name
Mothers fathers under the banner of Your Name
All Your children all for the glory of Your Name

Verse 3

Every story of revival
Every miracle we've seen
It's a glimpse of what is coming
So by faith help us believe
And we know the day is coming
When we will see Your face
Every knee will bow before You
And every heart will say

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Lord hear our cry Your will be done
This is our cry Your Kingdom come

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *(In Gilbert, special guest Tom Hartley will play Reformation, Reimagination)*

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