

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS:

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.

With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

Amen.

Holy God, we give thanks for our loved ones we now name who rest in peace with you in their heavenly home:

Names are read.

Bell tolls.

Jesus promises, come to me all you who are weary and burdened...
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And you will find rest for your souls.

(Matthew 11:28-30)

GATHERING SONG: ELW 422 For All the Saints (vs. 1-2, 6-7)

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress,
and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain
in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

(Please be seated.)

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE:

We honor our loved ones who have entered into eternal life with God. We mark this special time with white carnations of remembrance for our loved ones by picking up a carnation in the vases in the back and bringing them forward to the vases up front near the altar.

(Special Music is played during Time of Remembrance)

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC:

, Keziah Miner

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: Le Cygne,

Jill Himes, Pam Watson Brown,
and Joni Van Rossum

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE PRAYER:

Almighty God,

you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, + who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

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

Verse 3

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield
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

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

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC: Shall We Gather at the River, Junior Choir

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 149 (responsively)

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**
⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.
⁶ **Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand,**
⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
⁸ **to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron,**
⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

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: Luke 6:20-31

²⁰ Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Little Pencils for God"
Pastor Andrea Cain
(Gilbert)

"Walking in the Cemetery"
Pastor Thaddeus Book
(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

SONG OF THE DAY: ELW 728 Blest Are They (vs. 1-4)

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow
They shall be consoled

Chorus

Rejoice, and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones
They shall inherit the earth
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst

They shall have their fill

3 Blest are they, who show mercy
Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God!

4 Blest are they, who seek peace
They are the children of God
Blest are they who suffer in faith
The glory of God is theirs

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Music: David Haas
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(SAT 5PM only) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM George Benjamin English

PRESENTATION:

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *George Benjamin* baptized into Christ?

PARENTS SAY: I do.

As you bring your *child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *his* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *him* in faith and prayer, so that your *child* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your *child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

PARENTS SAY: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *George* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

SPONSORS SAY: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *George Benjamin* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

ALL: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

PARENTS AND SPONSORS SAY: I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

ALL: 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?

ALL: 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:

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

BAPTISM:

George Benjamin English, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *George* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

George Benjamin, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

ALL: Amen.

WELCOME:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

ALL: 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.

We clap in celebration and thanksgiving!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

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

A brief silence.

Blessed God, you have called your people to be salt and light in the world. Inspire the church to follow the example of Christ, loving all and seeking justice for the poor and oppressed and showing mercy and compassion to all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of peace, you bless the peacemakers and call us to love our enemies. Strengthen the leaders of nations and communities to pursue understanding, reconciliation, and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Healing Savior, you comfort those who weep and promise your presence to the suffering. Grant patience and strength to caregivers. Bring relief and hope to all who are burdened by illness, grief, or despair (especially). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we remember with gratitude the saints who have gone before us and now rest in your eternal care. Fill us with hope and courage as we await the fullness of your kingdom, and comfort those who mourn with your abiding love.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

<i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i>

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

The grace of Christ calls us to lives of gratitude and generosity. In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Let us celebrate this life by giving generously to the work of God's redeeming love.

The Hunger Jar is a love offering and is designated for ELCA World Hunger.

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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OFFERING PRAYER:

Faithful and generous God,
you have promised to provide for all our needs.
We thank you for the countless ways you pour out your love.
May these offerings reflect our gratitude and trust in your promises
As these gifts extend your generosity throughout the world.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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: Remembrance (The Communion Song)

Verse 1

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery
Say take this bread take this wine
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive

Pre-Chorus

By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful

Chorus

Lord we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You
Our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation
(We respond to Your invitation)
We remember You

Verse 2

See His body His blood
Know that He has overcome
Ev'ry trial we will face
And none too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place

Bridge

Dying You destroyed our death
Rising You restored our life
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory
Lord Jesus come in glory

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Jesus, We Love You

Verse 1

Old things have passed away
Your love has stayed the same
Your constant grace remains the cornerstone
Things that we thought were dead
Are breathing in life again
You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights

Pre-Chorus

For all that You've done we will pour out our love
This will be our anthem song

Chorus

(Jesus) we love You
Oh how we love You
You are the one our hearts adore

Verse 2

The hopeless have found their hope
The orphans now have a home
All that was lost has found its place in You

You lift our weary head
You make us strong instead
You took these rags and made us beautiful

Bridge

Our affection our devotion
Poured out on the feet of Jesus
(REPEAT 3X)

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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,
we thank You for the promise of Christ's presence among us in this holy meal.
Strengthen and inspire us to live each day in gratitude,
sharing Your blessings with those around us.
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: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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memory of family and friends.*