

GATHERING

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: Come Thou Almighty King, Ringing Praise
(Sunday Tempe only)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Based on Colossians 1:11-20)
God gives us great endurance and patience in Christ.
May we be strengthened with all power
according to God's glorious might.

God has rescued us from the power of darkness.
In Christ we have light and forgiveness.

He brings us into his kingdom.
We joyfully give thanks to the Father,
who gives us peace.

KYRIE: ELW 157 (*Tempe Only*)

Leader

Em D/E C/E Am⁷ Bm⁷ Em D

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy,

3rd time to Coda

C D Am⁷ Bm⁷ Em D/E C/E

For the reign of God, and for
For your peo - ple here who have

Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Am⁷ Bm⁷ Em D/E C/E Am⁷ Bm⁷

peace through-out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Coda

Em D/E C/E Bm⁷ A Am⁷ Bm⁷ E

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

cy. A - men.

Text: Lutheran Book of Worship, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: Now the Feast and Celebration, Marty Haugen
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OPENING PRAYER:

Merciful God,
as we remember the scene at the cross,
where Jesus showed compassion,
grant us hearts of forgiveness and humility.
Help us to see your kingdom breaking through
even in moments of suffering,
and to trust in your promise of Paradise.
May we turn to Christ with hope,
knowing your grace welcomes all who call upon you.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Christ Our King

Verse 1

We wait for You Lord
We wait for You Lord
For Your justice Your mercy
Revival in our city
We wait for You Lord

Chorus

Christ our King
Be enthroned be lifted high
Christ our King
Be forever glorified

Verse 2

We wait for You Lord
We wait for You Lord
You're healing what's broken
Rebuilding the ruins

We wait for You Lord

Bridge 1

All the hopeless come to Jesus
Let the dead come back to life
Can You hear the people singing
Hallelujah

Bridge 2

Let Your glory fill this city
Every nation tribe and tongue
Can You hear Your people singing
Hallelujah

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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*

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: Give Thanks, Pamela Watson-Brown & Joni Van Rossum
(Sat 5pm & Sunday Tempe)

GILBERT MISSION MOMENT: CHILDREN'S HOME PROJECT, JENNY KAST

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This

is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC: Jesus Remember Me, Junior Choir

SERMON:	
<i>"King of the Promise"</i> Pastor Andrea Cain (Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)	<i>""</i> Pastor Thaddeus Book (Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: ELW 803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

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

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you have called your church to proclaim Christ's reign in love and truth. Empower your people to share your gospel boldly, unite us in service, and guide us to reflect your kingdom in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We ask for your healing touch upon nations torn by division, violence, and injustice. Inspire world leaders to seek peace and to lead with wisdom and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Send your healing presence to all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort the grieving, restore the sick, and bring hope to those who feel lost or alone (especially ...). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As we remember the saints who have gone before us, grant us the assurance of everlasting life in your kingdom. Strengthen us for the journey ahead and fill us with hope as we await the fulfillment of your promises. 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

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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 11/15-16 & 11/22-23 for The Children's Home Project giving love, safety, nourishment and hope to Honduran children.

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

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

Chorus

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

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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*)



DISTRIBUTION SONGS: ELW 487 What Feast of Love

1 What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

2 What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,

the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

3 What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

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At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Verse 1

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)

Verse 2

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless

Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Bridge

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

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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: King of Kings (In Gilbert, Carolyn will lead in singing *Alabare*)

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side

Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Thank you for supporting the Desert Cross mission. Here are the ways you can donate today:		
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Flower Donation:

The flowers on the altar in Tempe this weekend are given by Carol Carrier in memory of Gene Carrier.

The carnation on the altar is given in loving memory of Ann Keil's mother.