

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE:

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies:

**for the star that led the magi to the manger,
that the nations may see the light of Christ;**

for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,
that the Christ would save us all.

**This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Alleluia.

EPIPHANY KYRIE:

Chorus:

Light of heaven, sent to lead us,
Lord, have mercy.

Promise given, sent to teach us,
Christ, have mercy.

Hope eternal, sent to free us,

guide us with Your light

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Verse (Leader Only)

For the way that leads to heaven,
and the truth Your teaching brings,
For the life You set before us,
hear us now, in Jesus' name, we pray:

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OPENING PRAYER:

Gracious God,

**at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you revealed him as your beloved Son
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.**

**As we gather in your name, open our hearts to your presence
and renew us with the Spirit's power.**

**Help us to listen for your voice, to follow your calling,
and to walk as your children, shining with the light of Christ in our world.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: ELW 459 Wade in the Water (vs. 1-3)

Refrain

Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

1 (See that host all dressed in white,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the leader looks like the Israelite.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

2 (See that band all dressed in red,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(looks like the band that Moses led.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

3 (Look over yonder, what do I see?)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: This Little Light of Mine (Sunday Tempe/Gilbert)

¹ This little light of mine,
I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC: Down to the River to Pray, Chancel Choir

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPIPHANY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Refrain:

On this day, the radiant Light,
Draws all nations to your sight.
Christ revealed, our Light has come;
God made flesh for everyone;
O Word of Life, you make us one.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Water Way"
Pastor Andrea Cain
(Sunday Tempe)

"Jumping off the Dock"
Pastor Thaddeus Book
(Sat 5pm/Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin

Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

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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:

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

On this day when we remember the baptism of Jesus, we pray for the church: that, renewed by the waters of baptism, it may faithfully proclaim Christ's love and serve all people with compassion and grace.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For peace among nations and communities, inspired by Christ who entered the waters in solidarity with humanity, may reconciliation and understanding grow between peoples. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For all who need healing in body, mind, or spirit, and for those who care for them, that the Spirit descended at Christ's baptism would bring comfort, hope, and renewal.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died and for those who mourn, trusting in the promise of eternal life revealed in Jesus' baptism, may the hope of resurrection sustain and encourage us.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 for the Desert Cross Serves event packing hygiene kit backpacks.

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

EPIPHANY OFFERING SONG: Goodness of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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OFFERING PRAYER:

O Lord,
you look upon us in love and refresh our souls through the gifts of bread and wine.
Send us out, reflecting the light of your grace, to tell the story of Jesus Christ,
our bright morning star.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS FOR EPIPHANY SEASON:

As the light of Christ shines brightly in this Epiphany season, let us come before God, trusting in God's mercy and seeking renewal.

(Silence for reflection)

Radiant God,

you reveal your glory to the nations and guide us by the light of your love.

Yet we confess that we often turn away from your path.

We close our eyes to the needs of our neighbors and ignore the signs of your presence among us.

**Forgive us. Shine your light upon us, renew us in your grace,
and lead us to follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen.

The good news of Epiphany is this: God's light breaks into our darkness.

In Christ, your sins are forgiven. + You are made new to walk as children of light.

Rejoice and share the light of Christ with all.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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 474 Bread of Life from Heaven (vs. 1-4)

Refrain

Bread of life from heaven,
your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup
until you come again.

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.
Refrain

2 Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.

Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain*

3 Love as the one who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain*

4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
make your home in the lifegiving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain*

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Nothing But the Blood – NEW

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 3

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 4

Glory, glory this I see.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
All my praise for this I bring.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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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 gather at your table,
we give thanks for the gift of Christ's presence in bread and wine.
Renew our hope and awaken our hearts to watch and wait for his coming.
Empower us to carry his light into the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION:

God who sent the Light into our world,
God who shone in the Bethlehem manger,
God who shines the Spirit's rays,
Bless you + and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: Christ, Be Magnified

Verse 1

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Verse 2

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus

O Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
O Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me

Verse 3

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody
And ev'ry human heart its native cry
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified

Bridge 1

I won't bow to idols
I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire
I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too

Bridge 2

'Cause death is just the doorway
Into resurrection life
If I join You in Your sufferings

Then I'll join You when You rise

And when You return in glory
With all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing
My song will be the same


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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

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ONLINE GIVING:  Get your smart phone and scan the QR-code with your phone camera	SECURE TEXT GIVING: Text "GIVE" to 833-636-1502	USPS: 8600 S. McClintock Drive Tempe, AZ 85284

Flower Donation:

The flowers on the altar in Tempe this weekend are given by Mark & Lauren Farrell in honor and celebration of their anniversary.