

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:

Christ's light shines in our midst, inviting us to follow.

We step forward in faith and hope.

God calls us from old ways into new beginnings.

We listen for Christ's call, ready to serve.

The Spirit leads us onward, together in love.

We gather with joyful hearts to worship God.

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:

God of light and revelation,
**As we gather in this season of Epiphany,
open our eyes to see your glory
and our hearts to follow your call.
Shine in us and through us,
that we may share your love with all the world.
Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: ELW 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,

wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

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: The Lord Will Provide, Keziah Miner

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness

 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;

 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden

 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Reimagine Faith"

Pastor Andrea Cain

(Sat. 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

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Pastor Thaddeus Book

(Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: ELW 574 Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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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.

For your church throughout the world, we may hear your voice anew and faithfully follow in word and deed. Guide leaders and all the baptized to walk in the ways of Jesus, bringing hope and compassion to all. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For peace among nations and peoples, that as Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom, your Spirit would move across the earth, healing divisions and inspiring all to seek peace. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For all who are in need of healing, grant comfort to those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit (especially...). Bless all caregivers with strength and compassion as they serve. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For your church's mission, that we may be bold in reaching out with love, inviting others to share in the hope and promise of Christ. Strengthen our witness in word and action for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

For all who rest in Christ that the promise of eternal life would comfort us now and sustain us in hope until we are gathered with all the saints in your presence forever. 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:

CONFESS & 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 483 Here Is Bread

Verse 1

Here is bread here is wine
Christ is with us He is with us
Break the bread drink the wine
Christ is with us here

Chorus

In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

Verse 2

Here is grace here is peace
Christ is with us He is with us
Know His grace find His peace
Feast on Jesus here

Verse 3

Here we are joined in one
Christ is with us He is with us
We'll proclaim 'til He comes
Jesus crucified

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Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

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 3

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
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 4

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 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

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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: My Lighthouse - NEW

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(REPEAT 3X)

Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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