

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: Canon in D, Instrumental Ensemble (*Gilbert only*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: Immortal Invisible, 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Exodus 24)

Just as the Lord called Moses to the mountain,
God calls us today to draw near, to listen,
and to be transformed by divine presence.

**We gather in awe, waiting in faith
for God's glory to shine among us,
ready to receive instruction and blessing.**

Let us come before the Lord,
open to wonder and willing to be led,
as God meets us in this sacred time.

TRANSFIGURATION KYRIE:

Chorus:

Light of glory, sent to lead us,

Lord, have mercy.

Voice from heaven, sent to teach us,

Christ, have mercy.

Christ revealed now, sent to free us,

guide us with Your light

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Verse (Leader Only)

For Your Church in every nation,
seeking truth and seeking light,
For the world and all in suffering,
hear us now, in Jesus' name, we pray:

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OPENING PRAYER:

Radiant Lord,

on the Holy mountain you revealed your glory.

Shine your light upon us, so that we may be transformed by your presence.

Open our eyes to see you more clearly

and strengthen our hearts to follow where you lead.

**May your dazzling love inspire us to bring hope and peace to the world,
reflecting your light in all we do.**

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: ELW 834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and
love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (*Sunday Tempe/Gilbert*)

Verse 1

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

Verse 3/4/5

He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me sister in His hands
He's got ev'rybody here in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

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

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC: Beautiful Savior, Instrumental Ensemble

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRANSFIGURATION GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Refrain:

On this day, the radiant Light,
shines in glory, pure and bright.
Christ revealed, true God and man;

Heaven speaks: "Beloved Son."
O Word of life, your light shines on.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Listening Spaces"

Pastor Andrea Cain

(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

"Into Thin Air"

Pastor Thaddeus Book

(Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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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.

Gracious God, help your church to shine with your love and listen to Jesus. May we share your goodness with the world. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Bring peace where there is conflict. Guide leaders and nations to work together and understand one another. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Help those who are sick or suffering (especially...) Bring hope and comfort to them and those who care for them. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, give us faith and hope in your promise of everlasting life. Help us to live in love until we are with you and all your people 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 "Souper Bowl" of Caring for Kyrene Resource Center.

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

OFFERING SONG: Abide

Verse 1

For my waking breath
For my daily bread
I depend on You
I depend on You
For the sun to rise
For my sleep at night
I depend on You
I depend on You

Chorus 1

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Verse 2

Where the Spirit leads
As I'm following
I depend on You

I depend on You
For the victories
Still in front of me
I depend on You
I depend on You

Chorus 2

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength my song in the night
Be my all my treasure my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

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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 838 Beautiful Savior

1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

O Come to the Altar

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy

From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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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: ELW 866 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Verse:

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching,
(marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching,

(marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are singing . . .

Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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Flower Donation:

The flowers on the altar in Tempe this weekend are given by Dan & Nancy Moellering in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary.