

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: There Is a Fountain, Ringing Praise

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We confess to you, most loving God,

Our sin that both binds and scatters us.

We have questioned your gracious power again and again.

We have given into temptation.

We have acted out of fear.

In our disbelief and confusion we have hurt our neighbors and ourselves.

Gather us back to you.

Forgive us, free us, and make us whole

for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved friends of God,
Jesus came not to condemn the world
but that all might be saved through him.
In the name of + Christ your sin is forgiven.
May God unbind your guilt and shame,
lead you by the Spirit,
and bring you to wholeness in abundant life.

Amen.

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GATHERING SONG: As the Deer

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Verse 2

You're my friend and You are my brother

Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Verse 3

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye

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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.

LENT KYRIE: *Unbound (Longing for Wholeness)*

Chorus

We're bound by fear and bound by pain,
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, make us whole and break our chains,
Christ, have mercy.

Please bring us back
and give us clean hearts, O God.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Verse: (Leader Only)

We chase lives that promise gain,
and follow paths that leave us worn and
strained;

Meet us, Lord, come to our aid,
Restore our hearts, this in Your Name we pray:

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of spirit and truth,

We thirst for wholeness: to know and to be known.

**When we are bound by prejudice,
reveal our shared longings, that we might rejoice together.**

**For you are the one we seek,
the one we invite others to come and see.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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

He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me brother 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: Peace Like a River, Chancel Choir

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Refrain:

In this time of ache and pain,
we seek your light to guide our way
Christ who calls us to the cross,

only You bring peace through loss,
O Word of life, revealed to us.

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GOSPEL: John 4:5-15, 27-29

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I

will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:

“Open Books”
 Pastor Andrea Cain
(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

””
 Pastor Thaddeus Book
(Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: I Surrender

Verse 1

Here I am
 Down on my knees again
 Surrendering all
 Surrendering all

Verse 2

Find me here
 Lord as You draw me near
 Desperate for You
 Desperate for You
 I surrender

Verse 3

Drench my soul
 As mercy and grace unfold
 I hunger and thirst
 I hunger and thirst

Verse 4

With arms stretched wide
 I know You hear my cry
 Speak to me now
 Speak to me now

Chorus

I surrender
 I surrender
 I want to know You more
 I want to know You more

Bridge

Like a rushing wind
 Jesus breathe within
 Lord have Your way
 Lord have Your way in me
 Like a mighty storm
 Stir within my soul

Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way in me
(Lord have Your way)
(Lord have Your way in me)

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Olivia Alexandria Slaughter (*Sunday Tempe only*)

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 *Olivia* 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 *her* among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *her* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *her* 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 *Olivia* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *her* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

SPONSORS SAY: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Olivia* and pray for *her* in *her* 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:

Olivia Alexandria Slaughter, 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 *Olivia* 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.

Olivia, 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.

APOSTLES' CREED: *(Sat 5pm/Gilbert)*

**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:

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God of living water, renew your church to share your love with all people.
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring peace where there is conflict. Make world leaders peacemakers. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Heal and bring wholeness to the sick, comfort the lonely and grieving (especially ...).
Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We thank you for the faithful departed. Give us hope in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
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 LSS Community Baby Shower. ...

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

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 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

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:

Gracious God,
in this season of Lent, we bring our offerings to you.
Receive these gifts as signs of our desire for wholeness and renewal,
trusting that you make us complete by your love.
May all we give and all we do
reflect your healing presence in our lives and in the world.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:

God of our weary years and silent tears,
you guide us into the path of love and light.
You sent your chosen servant
to preach good news,
to break bread with all people,
and to make us free in Christ.

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.208 - Lamb of God (Setting 10)

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS: ELW 471 Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
 let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
 let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
 let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

ELW 623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (vs. 1-3)

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleansing me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,

all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Heavenly Father,
You have met us at this table with Christ's body and blood.
Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence,
seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God,
and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BENEDICTION:

Almighty God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: Great Are You, Lord

Verse:

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is
broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
(REPEAT)

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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