

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: I Am the Bread of Life, Instrumental Ensemble (9:30am only)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty.

Death does not have the final word.

In the risen Christ, we are unbound.

We rise to new life. Alleluia!

EASTER KYRIE:

Chorus:

L: You've freed us from sin and conquered death,

ALL: Alleluia.

L: Gave us new life, renewed our breath,

ALL: Alleluia.

L: You are the Way,
the Truth, and the Life, O Lord.

ALL: Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse: (Leader only)

Risen Lord, our Shepherd true,

You lead us through death into life anew;

Guide us in all that we do,

And bless Your church, forever we worship You;

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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.

OPENING PRAYER:

Risen Christ,

you break open tombs and hearts alike.

You meet us in our longing and call us into new life.

Unbind us from all that diminishes life,

heal what is broken within us and among us,

and make us whole—

that we may live as Easter people,

bearing your hope into a waiting world. Amen.

GATHERING SONG: ELW 365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

(Instrumental ensemble accompanies at both services)

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: **Alive Alive** *(Sunday Tempe/Gilbert)*

Chorus

Alive alive alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive alive forevermore
Alive alive alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive

My Jesus is alive forevermore
Sing hallelujah sing hallelujah
My Jesus is alive

Verse

Sing hallelujah sing hallelujah

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

9:30am SPECIAL MUSIC:
Sing We Now of Jesus,
Junior Choir

11:00am SPECIAL MUSIC:
I Am the Bread of Life,
Instrumental Ensemble

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (responsively)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare,**
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,**
and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**
and you have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done;**
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EASTER GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Christ Is Risen

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ is risen, praise His name!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
His great love we now proclaim!

Verse

See, the stone is rolled away,
the silent tomb could not contain,
Jesus Christ is risen indeed,

He lives and reigns, forevermore!

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ is risen, praise His name!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
His great love we now proclaim!
And in this Love we will remain

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GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: The Light of Dawn, Pastor Thaddeus Book

SONG OF THE DAY: Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

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,**

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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**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 Desert Cross Feed My Starving Children Event.

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OFFERING SONG: Because He Lives (Amen)

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Amen amen
I’m alive I’m alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)

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OFFERING PRAYER:

God of abundance,
you unbind us from scarcity and fear
and invite us to live in trust and generosity.
Receive these gifts—our offerings, our lives, our gratitude,
and use them to bring healing, justice, and new life
to a world longing for wholeness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:**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 SONG 1: Crown Him (Majesty)

Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for me
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Chorus

Majesty Lord of all
Let ev'ry throne before Him fall
The King of kings
O come adore
Our God who reigns forevermore

Verse 2

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife

For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Bridge

All hail Redeemer hail
For He has died for me
His praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity
(REPEAT)

Ending

Praise God who reigns forevermore
You're the God who reigns forevermore

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DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: Communion

Verse 1

This is communion
Your body broken
The cup we're drinking
Is bittersweet

The gift of friendship
Truest salvation
Borne of Your suffering
On Calvary

Chorus 1

We remember the sacrifice of love
We remember the blood poured out for us
We remember the only Son of God
Upon the cross

Verse 2

From stained to spotless
From wrath to favor
Through You our Savior
The work complete

In full repentance
Led by Your kindness
Partake of presence
As we receive

Chorus 2

We remember the sacrifice of love
We remember the blood poured out for us
We remember the only Son of God
Upon the cross

We remember the price You had to pay
We remember the wounds that made a way
We remember the Lamb for all was slain
Upon the cross

Bridge 1

How can it be
There is a table
For all who would come
For all who would come

Taste now and see
There is a table
For all who would come
For all who would come

Bridge 2

Take of the bread
Receive the cup
For His mercy is enough
For the many and the one
This is communion

Take it as often as you will
For His blood has power still
By His wounds we shall be healed
This is communion

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DISTRIBUTION SONG 3: O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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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.

Life-giving God,
in this meal you have fed us with resurrection hope.
You have met us in our hunger
and unbound us with grace.
Send us now to live what we have received—
to proclaim freedom,
to practice compassion,
and to bear witness to new life,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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 on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor +

And give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW 376 Thine Is the Glory

(Chancel Choir will accompany at the 9:30am service only)

1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!

Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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