

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE: When the Saints Go Marching In, Lincoln Book (*Gilbert only*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: Gift of Peace, Ringing Praise

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.

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;

OPENING PRAYER: (1 Peter 2:2-10)

God of mercy,

you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

Build us up as your chosen people, living stones in your holy temple.

Guide us in faith and fill us with your love.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: 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

Interlude

He is Lord Lord of all

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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TEACHER THANK YOU: 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

Verse

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

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

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GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC: Carry Me Home, Chancel Choir

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: 1 Peter 2:1-10

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and

"A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:	
<i>"Follow the Way"</i> Pastor Andrea Cain <i>(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)</i>	<i>"Many Rooms"</i> Pastor Thaddeus Book <i>(Gilbert)</i>

SONG OF THE DAY: ELW 759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,

oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,

my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray

from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

(Gilbert only) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, trusting in the risen Christ who brings peace and hope.

God of Resurrection,

Renew your grace in the world and empower your church to serve with courage and love. Help your church to follow your way of welcome. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Shine your light upon a world longing for reconciliation. Bring an end to violence, injustice, and division. Inspire world leaders to seek peace and the well-being of all people. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Surround those who are ill, grieving, or burdened with your healing presence (especially). Comfort the suffering and bless all who care for others.

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, strengthen our assurance in your promise of eternal life. Grant that we may remain faithful through all trials, trusting that you prepare a place for us among all the saints who have gone before to your heavenly home. 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 Gathering Humanity.

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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

Chorus

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

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

Bridge

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
 Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
 I know He holds my life

My future in His hand

Ending

Because He lives

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OFFERING PRAYER:

Risen Lord,
 in this Easter season we thank you for new life.
 With gratitude and joy, we offer our gifts—
 may they share your hope and love with the world.
 Bless all that we give, that your light may shine through us.

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: ELW 542 O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.

O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.

2 My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit

the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.

4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

ELW 629 Abide with Me (vs. 1-4)

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

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,
Nourish us by your grace and fill us with Easter joy.
Make us witnesses to your living presence in the world, giving thanks for all your gifts
and sharing your peace with all people through 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: God of This City

Verse 1

You're the God of this city
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You are
You're the light in this darkness
You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless
You are

Pre-Chorus 1

There is no one like our God
There is no one like You God

Chorus 1

Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done
In this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done here

Verse 2

You're the Lord of creation
The Creator of all things
You're the King above all kings

You are
You're the strength in the weakness
You're the love to the broken
You're the joy in the sadness
You are

Chorus 2

Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done
In this city
Where glory shines from hearts alive
With praise for You and love for You
In this city

Pre-Chorus 2

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our God
There is no one like You God
There is no one like You God


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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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