

GATHERING

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

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

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM: (*Sunday Tempe ONLY*)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the fountain of living water,
our light and our salvation.
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we give thanks for God's mercy and grace.

**We thank you, O God,
for the gift of water,
for the life of your Son Jesus,
and for the promise made to us in baptism.**

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit
and keep us in your love forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

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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Amen.**

BLESSING OF GRADUATES: *(Sunday Tempe & Gilbert only)*

Today we honor and celebrate graduates at all ages and stages of life. Please come forward for a blessing.

Dear graduates: At this special time in your life, we are delighted that you have reached this graduation milestone. We rejoice with you and share our excitement as you move into the next phase of your life. Wherever you go and whatever you do, we send you with our prayers for God's guidance, protection, and strength.

Intros: Please share your name, school, future plans

Members and friends of Desert Cross,
Thank you for your support of these graduates in our faith community.
Will you promise to keep these graduates and their families in your prayers
as they go forth into the future?

We will.

BLESSING: *(please hold your hands out in a gesture of blessing)*

All-wise and loving God,
we give thanks for creating us, for giving us love in Christ,
and for calling us to serve your people.
Look with love upon these graduates and bless them:

**By your Spirit, help them to use their gifts for your glory
and for the good of all people.**

**In your lovingkindness, give them wisdom and courage
and guide them in their new journey ahead.**

We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord. +

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Come As You Are

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

(So) Lay down your burdens
lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Bridge

Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Ending

Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are

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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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TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC:

Easter Alleluia Medley,

Jill Himes, Pamela Watson-Brown, and
Joni Van Rossum (*Sunday only*)

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC:

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise,

Instrumental Ensemble

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON:

Acts 1:1-14 (*Sunday Tempe only*)

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be

Acts 1:6-14 (*Sat 5pm & Gilbert*)

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had

baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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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 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Wait, Watch, & Witness"

Pastor Andrea Cain

(Sunday Tempe)

"Just Keep Swimming"

Pastor Thaddeus Book

(Sat 5pm/Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: Christ Be All Around Me (NEW)

Verse 1

As I rise
Strength of God go before lift me up
As I wake
Eyes of God look upon be my sight

Verse 2

As I wait
Heart of God satisfy and sustain
As I hear
Voice of God lead me on be my guide be my guide

Chorus

Above and below me
Before and behind me
In ev'ry eye that sees me
Christ be all around me
Above and below me
Before and behind me
In ev'ry eye that sees me
Christ be all around me yeah

Verse 3

As I go
Hand of God
my defense by my side

As I rest
Breath of God fall upon bring me peace
Bring me peace

Interlude

Oh oh Christ be all around me yeah
Oh oh Christ be all around me yeah

Bridge

Your life Your death Your blood
Was shed for ev'ry moment ev'ry moment

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(Gilbert only) AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM – RITE OF CONFIRMATION

We give thanks for the gift of baptism,
and we come before God with (names)
as they make affirmation of their baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own
by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called us to yourself,
enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished us in the community of faith.

Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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?

**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.**

You have made profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God
made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God

and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ

through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God,

do you promise to support these sisters and brothers

and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

INDIVIDUAL BLESSINGS:

Stir up in (name) 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.
Amen.

BLESSING FOR GROUP OF CONFIRMANDS:

May the Lord Bless you and keep you,
may the Lord make his face shine onto you
and be gracious unto you,
may the Lord look upon you with favor
and grant you peace.
Amen.

I invite the congregation to stand and join me in welcoming our newest sisters and brothers in Christ who are affirming their baptisms.

****Congregation may stand and applaud****

(Sat 5pm/Tempe only) APOSTLES' CREED:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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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:

God of resurrection,

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Inspire all world leaders to lead with peace and justice for all. Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: for the grieving, for the sick and suffering, for all in need of comfort (especially). Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love.

Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal 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 in Tempe and for ELCA World Hunger in Gilbert.

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: 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 481 Come to the Table

Refrain

Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;

receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

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DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: ELW 484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

2 With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *Refrain*

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

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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,

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: ELW 551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939


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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 Kathy Diekelman.