

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

PENTECOST KYRIE:

**ALL: Blessed be God, the source of life,
Creator of all, our hope and song.
Blessed be God, the source of love,
Holy Three and Holy One.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Steadfast Jesus,
**you come to us in the storm and speak peace to our fear.
When our faith is challenged, reach out your hand and help us trust you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: ELW 824 This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3 This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: My God Is So Big (*Sunday Tempe/Gilbert*)

Bridge

My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do
The mountains are His the valleys are His
The stars are His handiwork too

My God is so big so strong and so mighty
There's nothing my God cannot do

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

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 85:8-13 (Responsively)

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**¹³ Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PENTECOST GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Come Holy Spirit

Refrain

Alleluia, come Holy Spirit, come,
Alleluia, we're gathered around Your throne.

Speak to Your people, ignite us with flame,
Fill us with power to speak of Your name.
Alleluia, our hearts are now Your home.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

"How Do I Recognize the Voice of Jesus?"
Pastor Arhiana Shek-Dill
(Sunday Tempe)

"Hearts on Sleeves"
Pastor Thaddeus Book
(Sat 5pm/ Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Bridge

Spirit lead me
where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper
than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

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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:

Trusting Jesus, who comes to us in the storm and speaks peace to our fear, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, strengthen your church when faith feels small. Help pastors, leaders, and congregations listen for Christ's voice and step forward in trust to share your love with a hurting world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, speak calm into the storms of the world. Guide leaders, communities, and nations away from fear and toward justice, mercy, and care for the vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Compassionate Jesus, reach out your hand to all who are sinking under grief, illness, loneliness, anxiety, or despair. Lift them with your healing presence, especially those we name before you now (especially...). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of life, we give thanks for the saints who trusted you through every storm and now rest in your peace. Keep us in faith until we join them in your eternal care. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray; 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 designated to support the local Women4Women organization creating free access to hygiene supplies for low income and unhoused women in Arizona.

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: For the One

Verse 1

Let me be filled
With kindness and compassion for the one
The one for whom You loved and gave Your Son
For humanity increase my love

Chorus

Help me to love with open arms like You do
A love that erases all the lines and sees the truth
Oh that when they look in my eyes
They would see You
Even in just a smile

They would feel the Father's love

Verse 2

Oh how You love us
From the homeless to the famous and in-between
You formed us You made us carefully
'Cause in the end we're all Your children

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OFFERING PRAYER:

Merciful Lord,
you meet the us and all people with healing love.
Bless these gifts we offer to do your work
in ways we can see and in miracles beyond our seeing.
Send us out as signs of your mercy;
through Christ our healer, Savior, and Lord.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

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.191 - Lamb of God (Setting 8)



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, Lamb of God.

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.

DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: Jesus, Strong and Kind

Verse 1

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Verse 2

Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind

Verse 3

Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

Verse 4

Jesus said
If I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

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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.

Merciful Lord,
you meet us at this table with healing love.
In bread and wine, you give us mercy enough for today
and hope for miracles still unfolding among us.
Strengthen us to trust your power, follow your compassion,
and carry your healing mercy into the world;
in your holy name we pray.

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 866 We Are Marching in the Light

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:

Thank you for supporting the Desert Cross mission. Here are the ways you can donate today:		
ONLINE GIVING:  Get your smart phone and scan the QR-code with your phone camera	SECURE TEXT GIVING: Text "GIVE" to 833-636-1502	USPS: 8600 S. McClintock Drive Tempe, AZ 85284

Flower Donation:

The flowers in the altar in Tempe this weekend are given by Roger & Jane Hilsendager in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and in appreciation of their Desert Cross family.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Ann Thomas's new great-granddaughter, Alice Rosemary Pederson.