

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus calls us to seek one another with compassion.

Gather us into your reconciling love, O Christ.

Where two or three gather in Jesus' name,
Christ is present among us with mercy and peace.

Be present here, Lord Jesus,
and form us as a compassionate community.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Based on Psalm 119)

Guiding God,

your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Teach us to treasure your promises, to seek you with our whole hearts,

and to walk in your ways with compassion, wisdom, and joy;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Way Maker

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst

I worship You I worship You

You are here working in this place

I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise

Keeper

Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart

I worship You I worship You

You are here healing ev'ry heart

I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around

I worship You I worship You

You are here mending ev'ry heart

I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag

That is who You are

That is who You are

That is who You are

That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working

Even when I don't feel it You're working

You never stop You never stop working

You never stop You never stop working

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(GILBERT) MISSION MOMENT: CHILDREN'S HOME PROJECT, JENNY KAST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: ELW 575 Jesus Loves Me! (Sunday Tempe/Gilbert)

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

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

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: When You Speak to Me, Jane Yost (Sunday Only)

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Hug the World"
Pastor Andrea Cain
(Sunday Tempe)

"Family Matters"
Pastor Thaddeus Book
(Sat 5pm/Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: ELW 656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

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 in Christ's promise to be present where two or three gather, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, guide your church to seek reconciliation with honesty, humility, and compassion. Help us listen well and restore one another in love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach leaders and communities to address conflict with patience and truth. Turn us from blame toward justice, mercy, and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to all who feel isolated, unheard, or wounded by broken relationships. Surround them with wise companions and bring healing care to all in need, especially those we name before you now. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather us with the saints into your reconciling presence. Make this assembly a place where mercy is practiced and Christ is known among us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, gracious God, and make us one in Christ's reconciling love; 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 Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts.

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: The Jesus Way

Verse 1

If you curse me then I will bless you
If you hurt me I will forgive
And if you hate me then I will love you
I choose the Jesus way

Verse 2

If you're helpless I will defend you
And if you're burdened I'll share the weight
And if you're hopeless then let me show you
There's hope in the Jesus way

Chorus

I follow Jesus I follow Jesus
He wore my sin I'll gladly wear His name
He is the treasure He is the answer
Oh I choose the Jesus way

And if you chain me I'll sing His praise
And if you kill me my home is heaven
For I choose the Jesus way

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Verse 3

If you strike me I will embrace you

OFFERING PRAYER:

Generous God,
you gather us in compassion and meet us with grace.
Bless these gifts and the lives we offer,
that they may bring healing, hope, and welcome to our neighbors.
Send us to serve with open hands and reconciling hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose word is a lamp to our feet, whose mercy seeks us, and whose love gathers us into one.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have wandered from your ways.
We have not loved our neighbors with compassion.
Turn us again to your word and restore us in your grace.

Hear the good news: Christ is present among us with mercy.

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. +

By the Spirit's power, you are gathered, restored, and sent to walk in love.

Amen.

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:

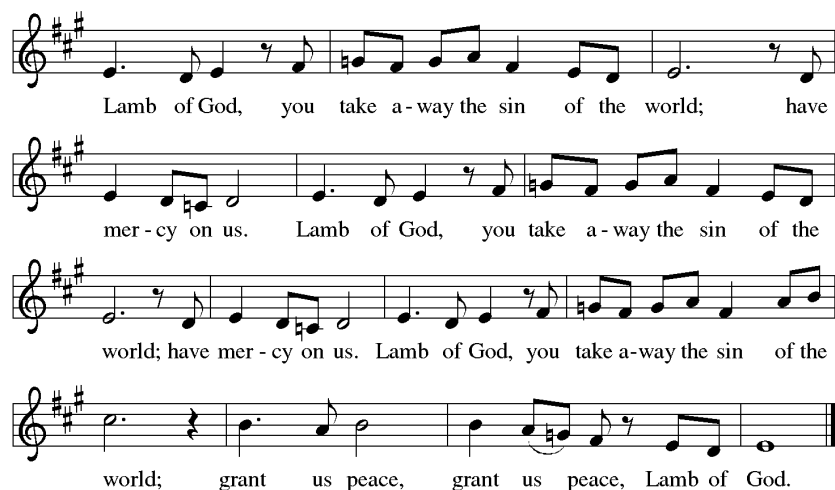
This is Christ's table. There is a place for you.

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)



DISTRIBUTION SONG 1: The Table

Verse 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table

Chorus

Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord

Verse 2

There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

Verse 3

There is healing at the table of the Lord

There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

Verse 4

I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table

Bridge

I know He has a place for me
Oh what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

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DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: ELW 482 I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,

in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,

the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,

is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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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.

Compassionate Christ,
you meet us at this table with mercy and peace.
Send us to share your healing love
with open hearts and willing hands;
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: The Blessing

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen
Amen
Amen

Bridge 1

May His favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

Bridge 2

May His presence
Go before you

And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

Bridge 3

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Tag

He is for you
He is for you

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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The flowers on the altar in Tempe this weekend are given by Ashley Hope.