

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God forgives us with mercy beyond measure.

Teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Come, let us worship the God of abundant compassion.

We come to receive mercy and to share it freely.

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: (Based on Psalm 103)

Merciful God,

you are gracious and compassionate,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Forgive our sins, heal our wounds,

and renew us with your tender mercy.

**Teach us to share your compassion with the world;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

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TEACHER BLESSING -- 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.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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 18:21-35

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would

pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Loving-Kindness"

Pastor Andrea Cain

(Sat 5pm/Sunday Tempe)

"Apologies Are Powerful Things"

Pastor Thaddeus Book

(Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: Speak, O Lord

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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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 in God's mercy, and Christ's call to forgive from the heart, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God,

Teach your church to live as people forgiven beyond measure. Soften our hearts and make us signs of your mercy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guide leaders and nations away from resentment and retaliation. Give courage for justice, compassion, and peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Draw near to all burdened by guilt, grief, illness, or broken relationships. Bring healing and hold close those we name before you now (especially...). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remembering the saints, help us release what binds us and receive the freedom of your grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, gracious God, and teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven; 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

<i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i>

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 Children's Home Project.

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

Verse 3

If you strike me I will embrace you
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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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.

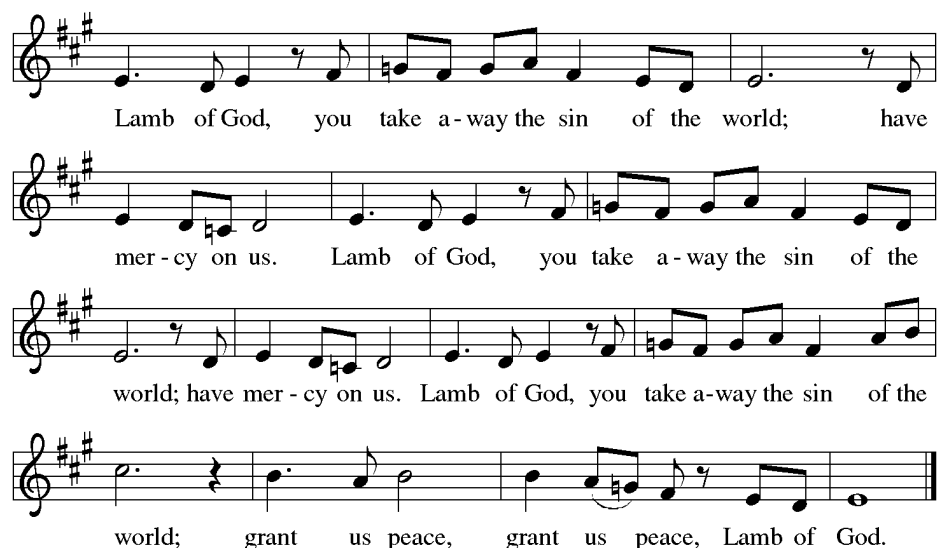
INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

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)



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 522 As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion

to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Verse 1

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)

Verse 2

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless

Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Bridge

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow (down)

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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: ELW 720 We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the Kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another;
to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!

Show Your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more.

3 Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.

Text & Music: David Haas, b. 1957

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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